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## A NAVAL RAID ON BIAS BAY.

### SHIPS FROM HONGKONG EMPLOYED.

### ABOUT 50 HOUSES DESTROYED IN TWO VILLAGES.

### PIRATE'S CORPSE FOUND.

The full story is available to-day of the Naval expedition carried out by ships from Hongkong against the Bias Bay district, as a punitive measure following the pirating of the s.s. Yatshing.

Leaving here in the early hours of yesterday morning, the warships arrived at Bias Bay about 8 o'clock, and after an arduous journey up the shallow creeks, the landing party arrived at their first objective in the forenoon. The main operation was against Fan Lo Kong village, where the Yatshing pirates were known to have their headquarters.

No casualties were suffered, no opposition was encountered, and no arrests were made. But about fifty houses were destroyed in two villages, and warning notices were posted up stating the intention to carry out similar reprisals in the case of future piracy of a British ship.

All the pirates who were known to be in the region had fled, but one man, shot in a scuffle over the division of spoil, was found dead in his coffin. His was the only pirate dwelling spared.

### WARNING ISSUED TO INHABITANTS.

The authorities decided on Wednesday evening to carry out another punitive raid against the pirate haunts at Bias Bay and the following ships were selected for the operation:

H.M.S. Hermes  
H.M.S. Danae  
H.M.S. Foxglove  
H.M.S. Sirdar  
H.M.S. Argus.

The Argus was on her way to Shanghai but was recalled by wireless, and arrived at Bias Bay shortly after the operations had commenced. The expedition was under the command of the then Senior Naval Officer present, Capt. R. Elliot, C.B.E., of H.M.S. Hermes, but on the arrival of the Argus, Capt. Palmer of this ship took command.

The landing operations were under the command of Capt. McKinnon of H.M.S. Danae. Together with the Naval party there were the C.S.P., the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, the D.C.I., Mr. T. H. King, and eighteen members of the Hongkong Police Force, chiefly Chinese detectives.

It is interesting to observe that the expedition set out with definite knowledge of the whereabouts of a number of pirates, information having been received here previously.

It was also known that the gang which pirated the s.s. Yatshing belonged to Fan Lo Kong (Fan Wo Kwong) a village situated on an inlet of the same name off Bias Bay. The operations were principally directed against this village, but also against certain houses at Chungpai, nearby, where pirates were known to be residing.

#### Expedition Leaves.

The expedition left Hongkong at 4 a.m. yesterday, and arrived at Bias Bay at 8 a.m. The first objective was Chungpai, and the ships assembled at Chung Chau where the bigger vessels could not proceed further. Disembarkation was in boats, which had to be towed up the very shallow creek leading to their destination. The boats were towed by the Foxglove and Sirdar as far as they could go, and then had to be rowed, the final disembarkation taking place in mud extending about three quarters of a mile before the first objective was reached.

Great credit is due to the men engaged, who numbered altogether about 500, for the way in which they overcame the many obstacles they had to face, including wading through mud with all their equipment.

Disembarkation was at Hoichow and Kwei Chow, which were the same points at which the previous expedition landed.

Evidently the Naval party were expected, as they were met at Hoichow by an elder of the village, who was very anxious to impress upon them that the pirates were

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## EUROPEAN SHOT AT SWATOW.

JARDINE, MATHESON AGENT WOUNDED.

BEAT OFF ARMED ROBBERS.

Information reached the Colony this morning of an armed attack upon Mr. Tindal King, of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., at Swatow, resulting in that gentleman being wounded in the wrist and fore-arm, but happily, not seriously.

From the meagre details cabled, it appears that after working to a late hour, Mr. King retired at about 1 a.m. on Thursday morning and that shortly after his house was entered by armed robbers. There were some half a dozen in the party, many of whom were equipped with hatchets and daggers, but only one of them appeared to have a revolver.

#### A Hot Reception.

Their object was apparently robbery, but on entering Mr. King's bedroom, they were met with a reception which dulled their courage. Mr. King drew a revolver from beneath his pillow and opened fire on the intruders, with what result his four shots had is not known, but they beat a hasty retreat, after two shots had been fired by the leader of the gang.

Both shots hit Mr. King in the arm, damaging his right wrist and fore-arm. His wounds were subsequently dressed and it was stated on medical authority that there was no danger, although a considerable quantity of blood was lost.

The information of the outrage came through by the s.s. Hai Hong, of the Douglas Line, which arrived this morning, and also by a cable, received by Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., amplification of the news outlined above.

### LIGHT AEROPLANE VENTURE.

A 7,000 MILE TRIP TO SOUTH AFRICA.

London, Sept. 1.

Still another aviation feat is being tried by Lieutenant Bentley, who left Edgware, London, this morning, on a 7,000 mile trip to Capetown, in a light aeroplane.

Bentley, who is an Englishman, is an instructor of the South African Air Force. His Moth machine, fitted with a 70 to 80 horsepower engine, has an average cruising speed of 80 to 85 miles an hour.

He intends to follow the route taken by Sir Alan Cobham, and with good fortune hopes to accomplish the trip in four and half days.

The most difficult part of the flight, he thinks, will be over the Sudan. From Cairo he will follow the course of the Nile to Khartoum, and thence to Livingstone, Bulawayo, Johannesburg, and Cape town.

The Moth aeroplane, which is painted silver, has been named "Dorcas," after Lieutenant Bentley's fiancée, who lives in Johannesburg.—British Wireless.

### WORLD FLIERS HELD UP, STILL.

TURKISH OFFICIALS DAILY.

Constantinople, Sept. 1.

After waiting beside their machine from dawn, the airmen who are flying the "Pride of Detroit" round the world, learned this afternoon that official authorization for them to resume their flight had not arrived from Ankara, so they have postponed their departure another day.—Reuter.

### U.S. AND FRANCE.

TRADE PACT SOUGHT.

Washington, Sept. 1.

Negotiations for a new most-favoured-nation commercial treaty with France will probably shortly be proposed to Paris.—Reuter's American Service.

## TROOPS TO GO.

SEVERAL BATTALIONS RECALLED.

A LARGER GARRISON.

London, Sept. 1.

The War Office announces that forthcoming troop withdrawals from Shanghai will for the time be counter-balanced by replacement with troops from Hongkong.

The announcement adds that all sections of the "A" Reservists who were called up in January will be again transferred to the Reserve by the end of the year, when the withdrawal is expected to be completed.—Reuter.

#### The Battalions Affected.

London, Sept. 1. The War Office announces that the gradual reduction of British troops in the Far East will commence in about a fortnight, but any such reduction will not immediately affect the strength of the British forces in Shanghai, where the withdrawals will for the time be made good by replacement from troops now in Hongkong.

The troops detailed for withdrawal are the First Field Brigade, Royal Artillery, the First Battalion Devonshire Regiment, and the Thirtieth Infantry Brigade, comprising the Brigade Headquarters, First Battalion Green Howards, First Battalion Border Regiment, First Battalion Middlesex Regiment, and First Battalion Camerons.

Besides these, there will be such reductions in the staffs and ancillary services as may be rendered possible by the withdrawal of combatant units.

With the exception of the First Battalion of the Devonshire Regiment, which will embark for Malta, and the First Field Brigade, Royal Artillery, for India, all the units to be withdrawn will return to England.

According to present arrangements, the withdrawal will be completed approximately by the end of this year, and within the same period the section "A" Reservists, who were called up in January last, will be transferred to the Reserve.—British Wireless.

#### Trooping Arrangements.

Owing to the decision of the Home Government to relieve some of the reservists now in China there is to be some considerable movement of troops in Hongkong. To-day the 2nd Battalion Welch Regiment embarked on the transport Herminius, and are expected to sail for Shanghai to-morrow. The Battalion has been stationed in the Peninsula Hotel for some months and is now going on to Shanghai to relieve the 1st Battalion Devonshire Regiment.

The Herminius is expected to arrive in Shanghai on Tuesday or Wednesday and after the Welch Regiment has disembarked the Devonshires will go on board. The transport will then return to Hongkong and will take on further troops here. Men joining the trooper in Hongkong will be about 500 Class A reservists of the Camerons (Scottish Rifles) who will proceed to England on the Herminius. The whole of the Devonshires will disembark at Malta.

#### Troops Remaining Here.

It is interesting to note that the reservists called up to complete the battalion of the Scottish Rifles will go home on the same transport as they came out on. The Battalion left Aldershot on March 6 on the Herminius and arrived here early in April.

The Devonshires left Aldershot at the end of January and embarked at Southampton on the United Castle liner Kildonan Castle. They arrived in Hongkong on February 27, and left again on March 22 for Shanghai.

With the departure of the Welch Regiment the troops left in Hongkong will be the Kings Own Scottish Borderers (the garrison battalion) the remainder of the Camerons, the 2nd Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment, the 2nd Battalion Scots Guards, and the 1st Battalion Queen's Royal Regiment.

It is understood that in future Hongkong will have three garrison battalions, two in addition to the King's Own Scottish Borderers. At the moment it has not been decided which other two battalions will remain here, but it is likely that the 1st Battalion Queen's

## HAS THE BIG FLIGHT FAILED?

"ST. RAPHAEL" SOME HOURS OVERDUE.

CLOSE WATCH BEING KEPT.

Halifax, Nova Scotia, Sept. 1.

A very close watch is being maintained along the whole Atlantic coast for Colonel Minchin's "Saint Raphael," which is now six hours overdue.

As reported earlier, the "Saint Raphael" left on a flight from England to Canada, with Col. Minchin, Capt. Hamilton, and a lady passenger.—Reuter's American Service.

Was It the "St. Raphael?"

London, Sept. 1.

Definite news is still awaited of the monoplane "Saint Raphael," in which the British airmen, Col. Minchin and Capt. Hamilton, accompanied by Princess Lowenstein-Wertheim, left Upaven, in Wiltshire, yesterday, for Ottawa, Canada.

A message was received in London this afternoon stating that the aeroplane passed over Saint Malo, Quebec, at five minutes past seven this morning, Canadian time, but there is no confirmation that the machine in question was the "Saint Raphael."—British Wireless.

#### The Only Hope.

Ottawa, Sept. 1. Anxiety is felt for the fate of the St. Raphael, for despite the fact that all points on the Atlantic seaboard and the Gulf of St. Lawrence have been warned to keep the strictest look-out, hitherto there has been no trace of the fliers.

Mariners here are of the opinion that the only hope is that the aeroplane has been rescued by some small ship in mid-ocean without wireless or by a fishing vessel on the Grand Banks.—Reuter.

### THE VAGARIES OF RADIO.

SHORT-WAVE TO BE ATTEMPTED.

London, Sept. 1.

In a week's time, an interesting wireless experiment will be undertaken by the General Post Office.

There are certain areas in different parts of the world where wireless signals, transmitted on long wave, can only be received with difficulty, if at all, while in other places such signals can only be received at certain hours of the day.

With the object of ascertaining to what extent short-wave transmission may be capable of reaching such areas, the British Official Press news will be transmitted for two months, beginning September 8, on long and short wave simultaneously. The same call sign will be used, and the long wave will remain as at present. The short wave will be 22 metres at the noon, Greenwich mean time, transmissions, and 37 metres at 8 p.m. and midnight. Reports on reception by the stations will be noted.—British Wireless.

Royal Regiment, now stationed at barracks on the island, and the 2nd Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment, now at Shamshuipo Camp, will be the two regiments to remain.

#### Bigger Local Garrison.

In addition to increasing the garrison by two battalions of infantry numbering about 1,600 men, the 4th Light Brigade Royal Artillery, consisting of about 200 units, will also remain in the Colony together with ancillary units, including those of the Royal Army Service Corps, the Pay Corps and other units to a total of about one hundred.

Nothing has yet been decided regarding the future of the Scots Guards now in Hongkong and stationed at the Peninsula Hotel. It is believed that there is no intention of sending the Battalion Home at present, however, but the Peninsula Hotel is to be vacated by all troops by the end of the present month and the battalion may then be split up and accommodated at the Shamshuipo Camp and the Rope Factory.

## HEAVY REVERSES FOR NORTH.

### SUN CHUAN-FANG ADMITS 30,000 LOSSES.

### NATIONALISTS REPULSE ATTACK ON YANGTZE.

### NANKING-HANKOW UNITY.

The outstanding news to-day from the North is that the attempt of the Northerners to cross the Yangtze between Nanking and Shanghai has failed and has resulted in their sustaining very heavy losses. Marshal Sun Chuan-fang admits that his losses total 30,000, and all reports agree that the South has thrown back the threat.

Earlier news was to the effect that the North was massing troops and also bringing up heavy artillery. It seems certain that they have now been forced to leave Pukow, the occupation of which was so essential for their attack on Nanking.

Politically, it is important to note that Mr. C. C. Wu has arrived at Shanghai from Nanking and has announced that Nanking is anxious and willing to join up with the Wu-han Government and that a full session of the Executive Council of the Kuomintang will be held in Nanking for the purpose of effecting formal amalgamation.

### TRADE RE-OPENING AT CHANGSHA.

Shanghai, Sept. 1.

While according to foreign reports the Northerners are gradually working their way across the Yangtze, the Nationalist headquarters assert that the Northerners have evacuated Pukow, owing to reinforcements from Hankow threatening to cut off General Sun Chuan-fang from his allies, by cutting the Tientsin-Pukow railway at Pengpu.—Reuter.

down and ricocheted into the river, doing little damage. The Southern troops under General Hsueh Chen claim a complete victory over the Northerners at Lungtan.—Naval Wireless.

Chinkiang, Sept. 1. Chinese warships are now much in evidence between Chinkiang and Wusung.—Naval Wireless.

#### NORTH MASSES TROOPS.

A Resolute Attempt.

Shanghai, Sept. 1.

The city continues quiet. The Northerners are still massing troops, and bringing up heavy artillery in a resolute attempt, to consolidate the positions they have gained on the south bank of the Yangtze. Reports are conflicting as to the degree of their success.—Naval Wireless.

#### HANKOW AND NANKING.

Earnest Desire for Union.

Shanghai, Sept. 1.

Nationalist headquarters announce that Mr. C. C. Wu, who arrived at Shanghai to-day after a trip up the Yangtze as far as Kinkiang, "found an earnest desire on the part of both the civil and military members of both the Nanking and Wuhan Governments, to obliterate all differences, and the way has now been paved for the amalgamation of the two Governments."

Mr. Wu announced that a full session of the Chief Executive Council of the Kuomintang is to be held at Nanking on September 15, when a formal amalgamation will take place.—Reuter.

#### TRADE AT CHANGSHA.

An Attempt To Re-open.

Changsha, Sept. 1.

An attempt is being made to re-open trade once more and the Trade Delegation has arrived here.—Naval Wireless.

Hankow, Sept. 1. Troop movements down the river continue. The local currency situation is serious.—Naval Wireless.

#### FOREIGNERS ATTACKED.

Question of Identity.

Peking, Sept. 2.

A message from Batang (on the borders of Tibet and Szechuan) states that the foreigners previously reported as having been murdered in Szechuan may not be, as was thought, Messrs. Pilchner, Plymire, and Mathewson.

Another party, consisting of families named Duncan (Americans) and McLeod (Canadians), are known to have been robbed by bandits near the Burma border, and it is possible that they were again attacked subsequently.—Reuter.

#### SUN'S GREAT LOSSES.

North's Failure to Cross.

Shanghai, Sept. 2.

Marshal Sun Chuan-fang acknowledges the loss of 30,000 killed, wounded or taken prisoner. All reports confirm the fact that attempts to cross the Yangtze have failed.—Reuter.

#### CHOLERA AT NANKING.

South Claims Victory.

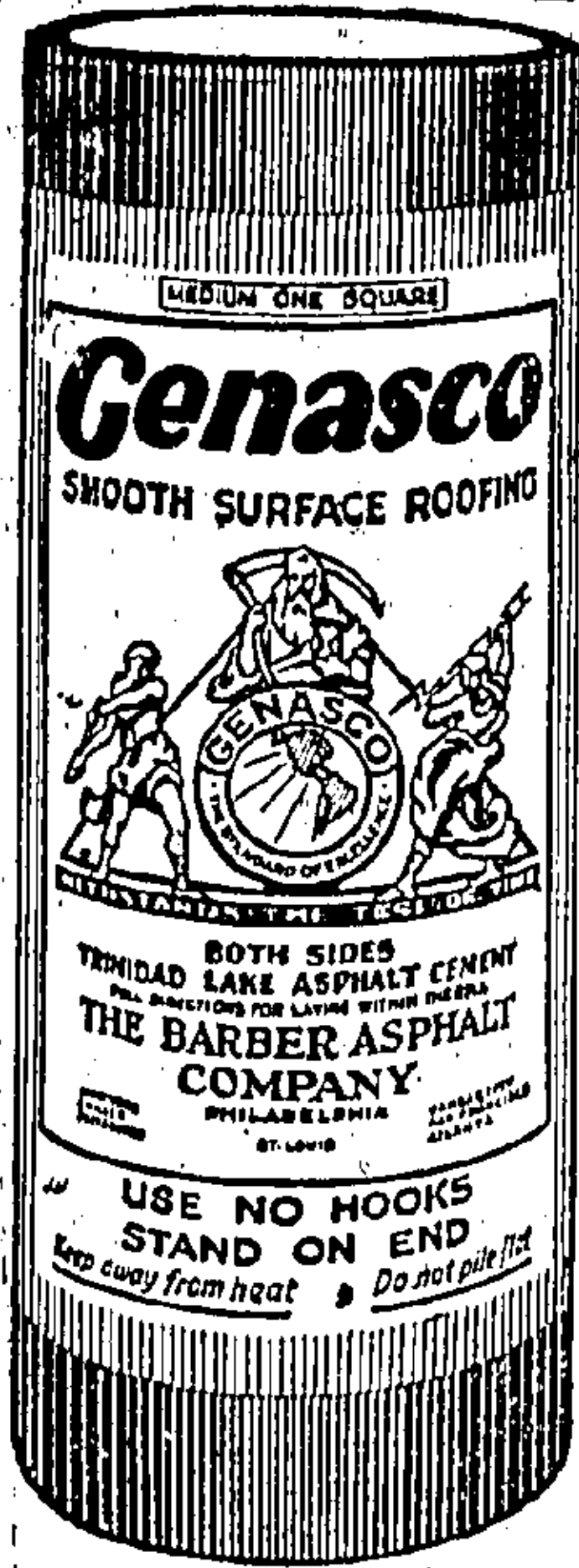
Nanking, Sept. 1.

Mr. C. C. Wu has gone on to Shanghai in a British steamer. The cholera epidemic here appears to be spreading. Regarding the war situation one round fired from Tiger Hill struck the Hogue Go-



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### COLONY'S LOAN.

\$5,000,000 TO BE RAISED  
LOCALLY.

At yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council, the Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern) proposed the first reading of an Ordinance to make provision for a loan of \$5,000,000 for the carrying out of certain Public Works. He said: I have, I think, already dealt sufficiently fully in my remarks, when introducing the Budget at an earlier stage of this afternoon's proceedings, with the causes which have led the Government to a decision that the Colony can no longer finance expensive schemes, largely intended for the benefit of posterity, from current revenue and surplus balances. We need our revenue and our remaining balances for our current needs. I have also given sufficient details of the works for which it is proposed to utilize the loan now under consideration, and I need not repeat them here, but I might emphasize the fact that, of the amount set out in the allocation for Waterworks Development, a sum of \$1,916,406 has already been expended from our surplus balances, and will be at once restored to those balances as soon as the loan is floated. This procedure was foreshadowed by Sir A. E. Stubbs when he introduced the Budget in 1925. The technical details of the bill are explained in the statement of objects and reasons.

#### A Short Term Loan.

The question of the kind of loan to be floated was very carefully considered by the Government. It was found that with the repayment of the \$3,000,000 War Loan there existed a very definite desire for a local Dollar Loan, and the Government has every reason to believe that the new Loan will be fully subscribed. Such a loan to be attractive locally had to be at six per cent. It might have been possible to float a Sterling Loan in London at a small discount at a slightly lower rate of interest, but after mature consideration it was thought to be in the best interests of the Colony to float a local 6½ per cent Dollar at par. It may well be that, when things have settled down in China and the commerce of the Colony is once more prospering, it may be possible to float a Sterling Loan at a considerably lower rate of interest and for a considerably larger amount, wherewith to redeem this loan, which has admittedly been made a short term loan, and to finance some of the large schemes of development which are for the moment held in abeyance. The present moment is not a favourable one for raising money in London for anything connected with China. As Your Excellency has pointed out our indebtedness is so small that our credit should stand high, and we hope to reap the full advantage of this in the future when Chinese investments are less unattractive than they are just now.

#### The Bonds.

It is proposed to raise \$3,000,000 out of the amount authorized by the Bill in November next. Bonds will be issued in denominations of \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000 and applications from small local investors will receive special consideration. We shall continue to advance money from our balances for Loan works so long as we can do so without embarrassment, as no advantage, is to be gained from borrowing money at 6½ while we have balances available. When this is no longer possible we propose to raise the remaining portion of the loan and recoup our balances therefrom. The proposals will I trust receive the unanimous approval of the Council.

The Colonial Treasurer (Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer) seconded and the Bill was read a first time. The Bill will come up for second and subsequent readings at a meeting of the Council to be held on September 15.

### COMMUNAL RIOT.

THIRTEEN KILLED IN  
RELIGIOUS DISPUTE.

Bareilly, Sept. 1.

Thirteen people were killed and 96 injured in a communal riot during the Krishnadi Hindu festival, when a procession passed a Mohammedan mosque with bands playing. The situation became so serious that the police fired sixteen rounds into the rioters and strong reinforcements had to be sent before order was restored.—*Reuter*.

### MARATHON SWIM.

CANADIAN CONTEST WON BY  
GERMAN.

Lake Ontario, Sept. 1.

In a marathon swim of 21 miles, the first prize for which the winner was to receive \$5,000 and if a woman \$7,000, resulted in a win for the German Channel swimmer, Herr Vierkotter who crossed in 11 hours and 45 minutes. Vierkotter was given an ovation by a quarter of a million people when he landed two miles ahead of his nearest rival, Michel, the holder of the Channel record who finished three and a half hours later. George Young and Catalina, also a conqueror of the Channel, were among the 200 other competitors which included women, who were forced to give up.—*Reuter's American Service*.

### CLOUDBURST.

EXTENSIVE DISASTER IN  
POLAND.

Warsaw, Sept. 1.

A cloudburst which created a heavy fall of rain resulted in the Dniester and other rivers near Lemburg overflowing their banks and doing tremendous damage. Up to the present 20 fatalities have been reported. Many houses and bridges have been destroyed and crops swept away.

The town of Stryj has been inundated and the oilfields near Drohobycz and Boryslaw isolated. The engineers who have been rendered idle, troops and Red Cross workers have proceeded to the scene of the disaster.—*Reuter*.

### EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE.

WELCH REGIMENT GIVE  
THANKS.

The following letter of thanks to the residents of Hongkong has been received by Mr. Ingram of the Chater Road Army and Navy Y.M.C.A.:

"May I use you as the means of expressing our gratitude to the residents of Hongkong, for their kindness to us during our short stay in the Colony?"

"On behalf of the men of the Welch Regiment, I wish to thank the entertainments committee, the artists, the lady and gentlemen, workers of the Y.M.C.A. and the residents of Hongkong for all they have done for us during our stay here.

"One and all strived to make us feel 'at home' and they succeeded. Everyone has been splendid, that is why this note is written. We want you to realize that your efforts have been wholeheartedly appreciated.

"It is with genuine regret that we leave Hongkong and our many friends here.

Thanking you all.

I am,  
Yours sincerely,  
Sgd. ALICK W. CORDERY,  
"A" Company,  
The Welch Regiment.

### THE SHARE CASE.

JUDGMENT GIVEN FOR  
PLAINTIFF.

"Giving judgment in the share case in the Supreme Court yesterday afternoon, the acting Chief Justice, Mr. J. R. Wood, found for Mr. M. A. Razack, the plaintiff, on every issue, with the exception of one, the total amount being \$32,033.00.

The total claim was for \$33,818.95, being \$7,625.50 balance due on an account dated April 23, 1925, \$1,730.08 on an account dated May 21, 1925, \$21,538, the difference on the sale and purchase of 3,000 new Tramway shares, \$141.62 interest on that sum, \$2,456.76 being the difference on the purchase price and interest on the sale price of 500 combined shares in the Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.

There was a counter claim for the re-payment of \$18,877, less \$2,523.50, and \$2,456.78 admitted to be due. Chief interest centred on the Tramway shares, Mr. Razack, claiming that Cooper had instructed him to buy the shares. Cooper denied that he ever gave such instructions. Mr. C. G. Alabaster K.C., instructed by Messrs. Leo D'Almeida and Nephew, were for the plaintiffs. Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. D. McCallum, conducted the defence.

#### Closing Speeches.

In addressing the Court, and dealing with regard to a concession in connection with the first part of the claim, which was stated by both parties to have been agreed to between them, Mr. Jenkin said that Mr. Razack's evidence on that difference was highly unsatisfactory, and he had failed to put before the court a clear and concise case.

In the opening counsel referred to one, in giving evidence Mr. Razack referred to another, and he also referred to a third in his examination in chief. Mr. Jenkin contended it had been established that there had been a concession.

Dealing with the second part of the claim, with regard to \$27,000 for the redemption of 200 Dockes, Razack's case was that that sum was paid on account of the \$28,000 odd. Mr. Jenkin argued that Razack's own books bore out the defendant's case that that sum was accepted in complete settlement and was not on account, which would dispose of the \$1,730.08 balance which was claimed.

With regard to the Tram shares he would put it to His Lordship that Razack's case, that with Cooper's obligation to deliver 3,000 shares on June Settlement Day the dispute arose out of the fact that Razack on April Settlement Day had delivered 3,000 shares on Cooper's account to other people, was untrue, and that did nothing of the kind as was shown by his own records.

#### Unreliable Evidence.

He drew attention to the evidence of Mr. Ho and Mr. Razack's son, who gave evidence of the time two years ago when Cooper allegedly gave instructions to the purchase of the shares. The English words used were practically identical, and in his opinion their evidence was unsound and had been "cooked." Mr. Alabaster made a brief address, and was dealing with the counter claim when His Lordship interposed saying he thought that claim would fail.

With regard to the concession Mr. Alabaster said their case was that there was no such agreement to take a smaller sum in satisfaction of a larger.

Mr. Alabaster agreed with His Lordship that the balance claimed \$1,730.08 did not appear in any of the books as a carry forward. His Lordship remarked he considered the books were against Mr. Alabaster on that point.

Dealing with the tram shares, Mr. Alabaster contended that Cooper was under an obligation to provide 3,000 shares for which he was to receive a cheque for an agreed amount. Razack said that on June 20 Cooper went to him, not having the shares, and gave instructions for them to get the shares for him. The whole trouble arose because on the following Monday the exchange closed, and he knew perfectly well that shares would go to pieces and he

### BAND CONCERT.

PROGRAMME FOR SUNDAY  
AT KOWLOON DOCK.

The following is the programme of the massed performance by the full military band and drums of the 1st Battalion Queen's Royal Regiment to be given at the Kowloon Dock bathing beach on Sunday, September 4, at 5 p.m. by kind permission of Lieut. Colonel R. C. Clarke, C.M.G., D.S.O., and officers.

Evening 5 p.m. (Band.)

1. Grand Selection, "Merrie England" (German).
2. Waltz, "Because I love you" (Fiorito).
3. Selection, "No no Nanette" (Yonmans).
4. Trombone Solo, "The Joy-wheel" (Sutton), (Soloist) Bandsman C. H. Diss.
5. The Reminiscences of Scotland (arr. Godfrey).
- 6.15 (Massed Band and Drums).
  1. Bugle March, "Les Clarions Anglais".
  2. (Drums) March, "Contravert" (Turpin).
  3. Band March, "The Indian Love Call" and "Rose Marie" (Friml).
  4. Drums, "Retreat".
  5. Band and Drums March, "Who" from "Sunday" (Gershwin).
  6. Band and Drums Slow March "The Colours," Quick March, "Imperial Britain."
  7. Band and Drums, The Wee MacGregor Patrol. (Amers).
  8. Regimental Marches.
  9. God Bless the Prince of Wales. God Save the King.
  10. Conductor—Band. Sergt. E. Manley.

### INDIANISATION.

RESOLUTION TO HURRY  
ARMY REFORM DEFEATED.

Simla, Sept. 1.

The Council of State after a three hours debate, rejected by a vote of 23 to 17 the resolution of Sir Phiroze Sethna, a member of the Committee on the Indianisation of the army in India, headed by Sir Arthur Skeen, urging prompt action on the report of the Committee.—*Reuter*.

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#### The Judgment.

Giving judgment, His Lordship said: As to the first item for \$7,625.50 I find for the plaintiff. I do not accept the defendant's evidence on this point. I do not believe it. It seems to me that it is important for this decision that when the claim was set out in Mr. Arculli's letter, the payment of \$3,000 on account was never advanced by the defendant in reply. The defendant's own account seems to be material evidence against him on this point.

As to the second item, the claim for \$1,730.08. On that account I find for the defendant. The plaintiff's books nowhere carry forward that sum as a balance against the defendant and in my view the plaintiff's books themselves substantially support the defendant's evidence on this particular point.

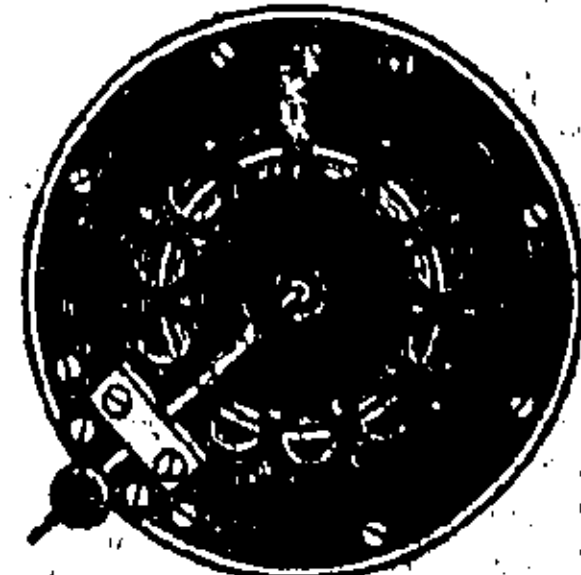
As regards the third item in the claim, the question of fact involved is whether, on June 20, 1925 the defendant did or did not give the plaintiff instructions to buy 3,000 new Tramway shares. I believe the evidence given by the plaintiff, of Mr. Ho and by the plaintiff's son on this point, even though, as Mr. Jenkin has remarked, that evidence was very carefully prepared, I find that these shares were purchased by the plaintiff on the defendant's instructions. My finding, therefore, on the third part of the claim, \$21,538.02, including interest, is for the plaintiff.

As to the fourth item of the claim, \$2,456, which is not in dispute, I give judgment for the plaintiff.

The counter claim is dismissed with costs.

His Lordship awarded costs to the plaintiff, less half a day.

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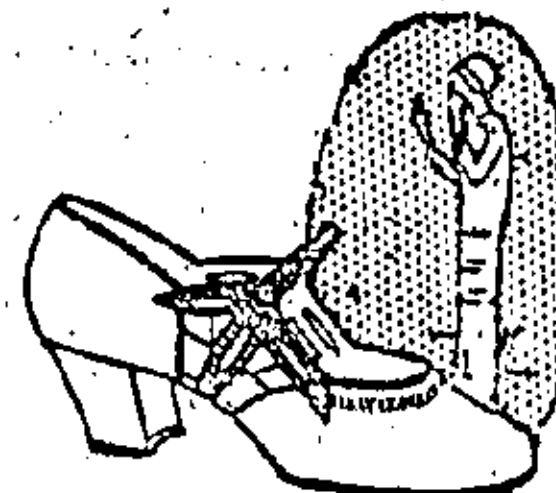
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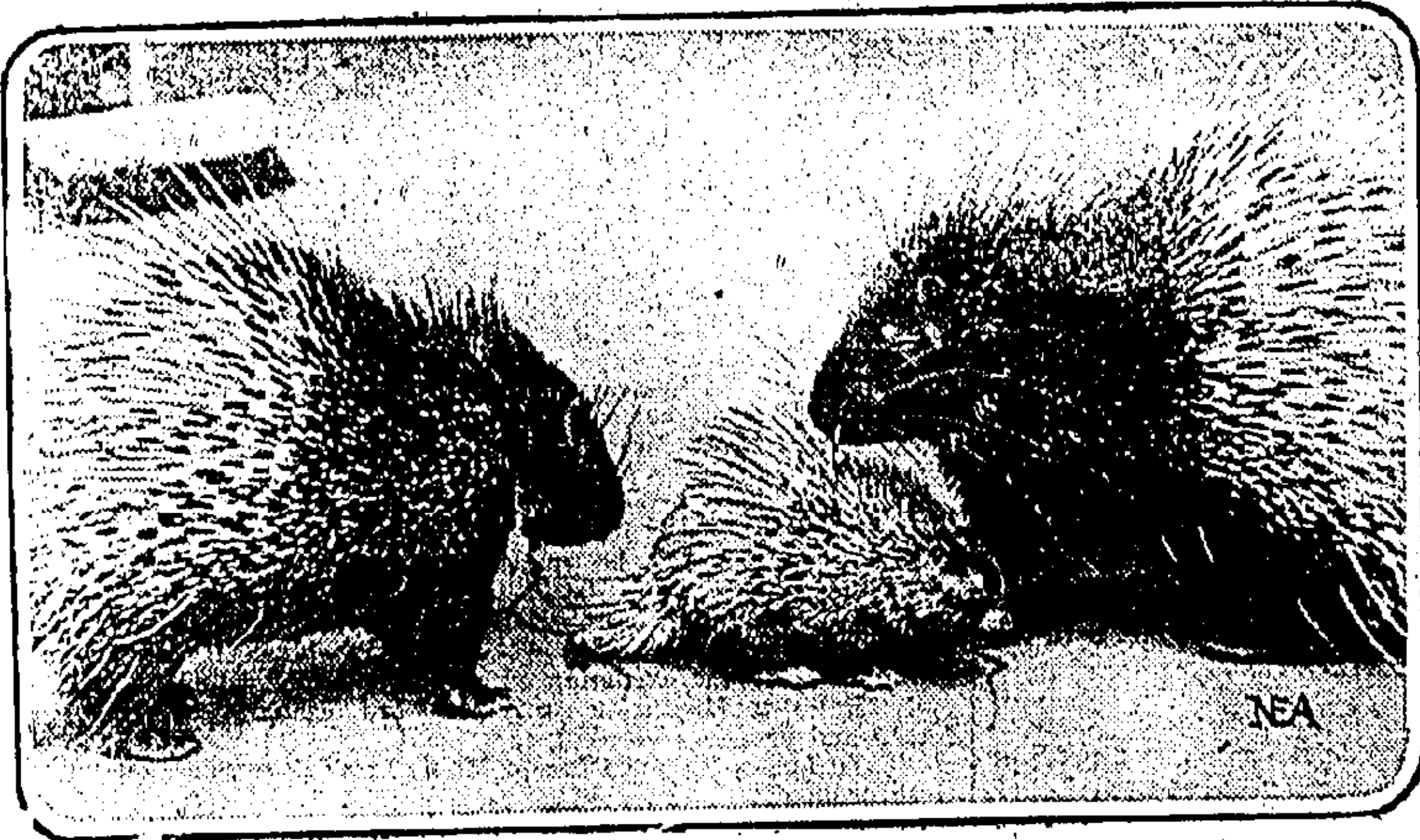
IT ALSO TELLS YA THAT "ON" IS A PREP-  
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NOT BRISTLING WITH RAGE.—This shows two African porcupines of the London Zoo and they're bristling with admiration and pride. The reason is their new baby.



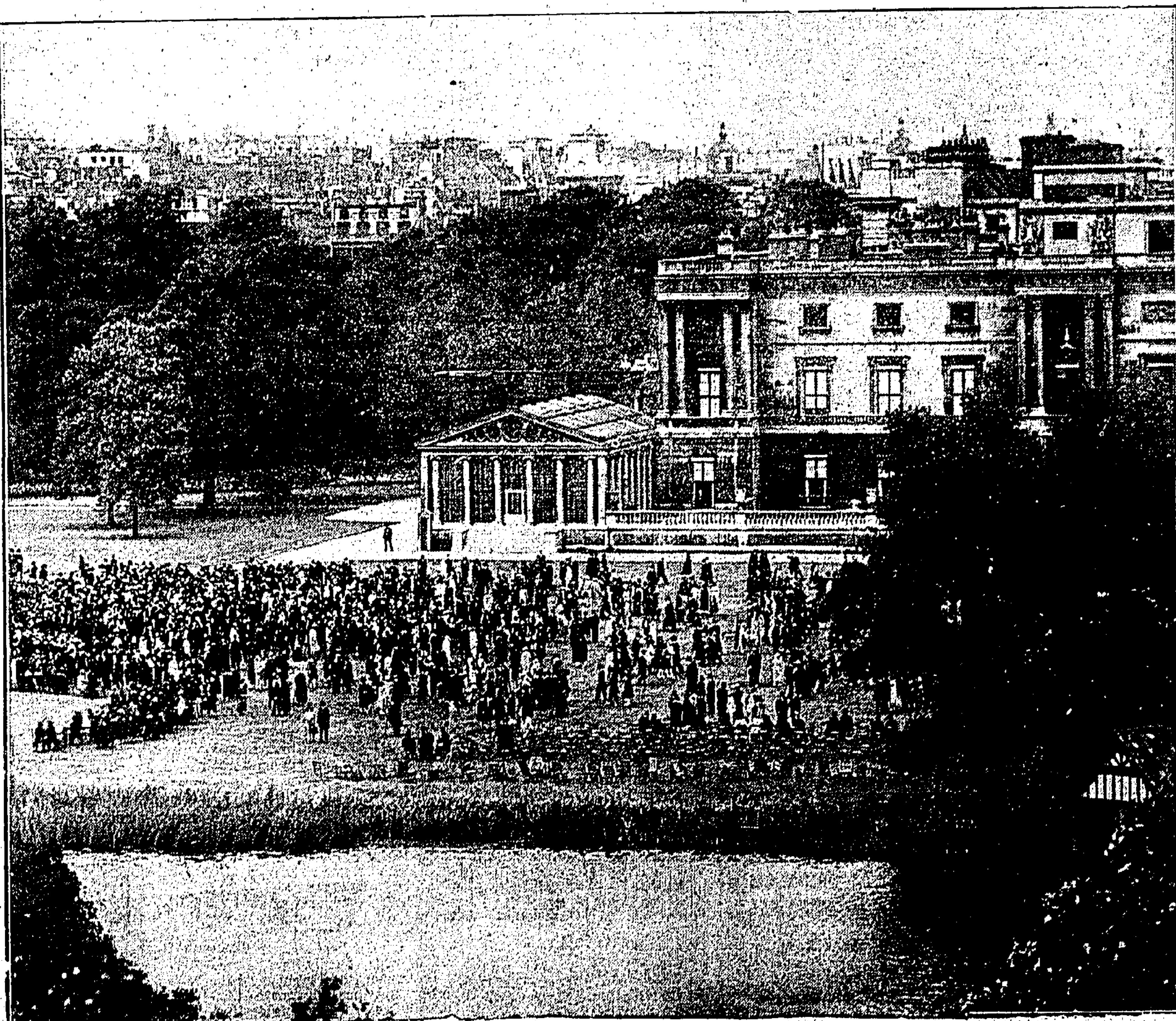
FROM STAGE TO PRISON.—Dorothy Mackays, former stage favourite, is shown here in the Los Angeles county gaol awaiting her transfer to the state prison where she starts a sentence of one to three years for concealing facts in the death of her husband, Ray Raymond. Raymond's assailant, Paul Kelly, was sentenced to ten years when Raymond died following a fist fight between the two.



PICCADILLY CLOSED FOR REPAVING.—A view of Piccadilly, which has been closed from the Circus to New Bond Street, showing the work of repaving in active progress. Traffic is now diverted through Pall Mall. (Times copyright).



MEMORIAL AT THE MENIN GATE.—Our picture shows ex-servicemen waiting with their wreaths under the Arch, of the new Menin Gate memorial, recently opened. (Times copyright).



ROYAL GARDEN PARTY AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE.—A general view of the grounds of Buckingham Palace during the Royal Garden Party, taken by a staff photographer of the Times. This will be the only Garden Party at Buckingham Palace this year, as their Majesties gave one at Holyrood during their recent Scottish visit. (Times copyright).

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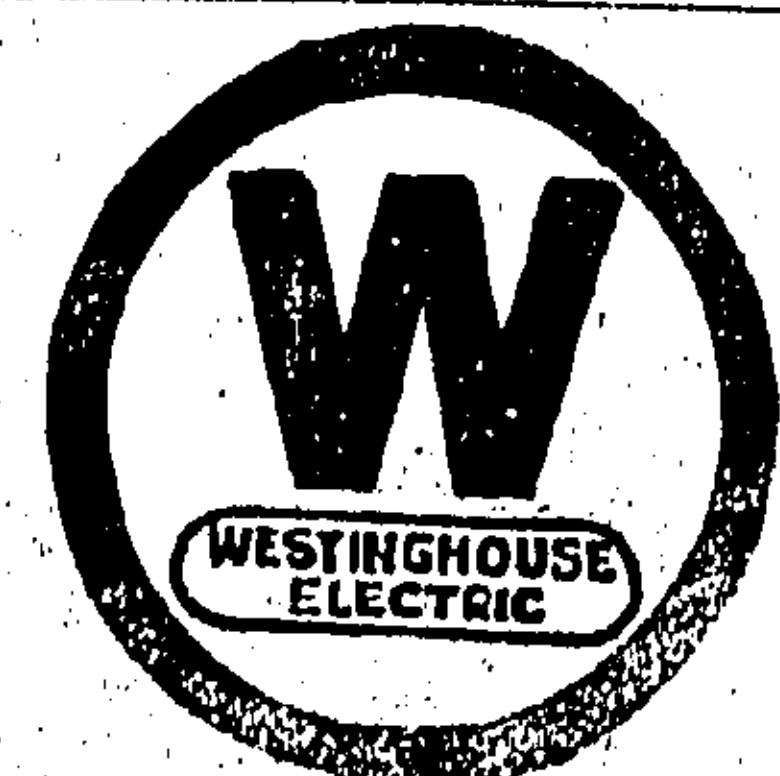
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W. B. FINNIGAN,  
Registrar,  
Hongkong, 31st August, 1927.

#### HONGKONG CLUB.

### NOTICE.

The Seventh Yearly Drawing of 20 Debentures (1920 issue—\$500 each) of the Hongkong Club, payable on Friday, the 30th September, 1927, will be held in the Club House, at 11 o'clock a.m., on Thursday, the 8th September, 1927. Bearers of Debentures are invited to attend the Drawing.

By Order,

A. H. ABBAS,  
Acting Secretary,  
Hongkong, 27th August, 1927.

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Entries will close at twelve o'clock noon on Saturday 24th September, 1927.

#### HONGKONG FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

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W. E. HOLLANDS,  
Hon. Secretary.

#### HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

The Annual General Meeting of the above Society will be held in the City Hall, on Friday, 16th September, 1927, at 5.45 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st August, of electing office-bearers for the ensuing year, etc.

P. TOD,  
Joint. Hon. Secretary.

#### HONGKONG HOCKEY CLUB.

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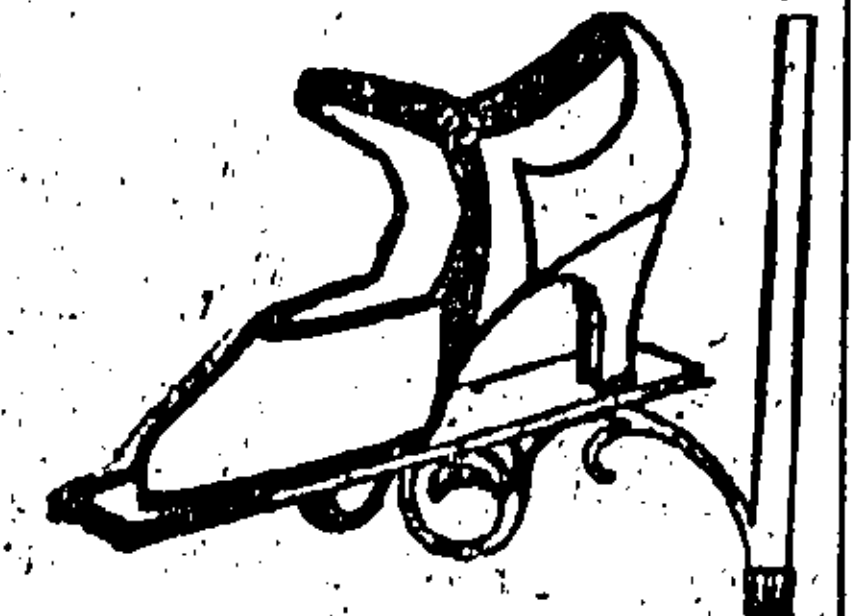
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### INWARD MAILS.

| From                               | Per         | Date         |
|------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Batavia                            | Tjkarang    | September 2. |
| Shanghai                           | Oostkerk    | September 3. |
| Manila                             | Tjpanas     | September 4. |
| U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai | Pres. Grant | September 4. |
| Straits                            | Tilawa      | September 4. |
| Australia and Manila               | St. Albans  | September 5. |

### OUTWARD MAILS.

| For                                                                                       | Per       | Date                     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| Shanghai, *Japan and Europe via Siberia                                                   | Khyber    | Fri., Sept. 2, 3.30 p.m. |
| Swatow, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles | Kong Ning | Fri., Sept. 2, 4 p.m.    |
|                                                                                           | Morea     | Sat., Sept. 3, K.P.O.    |
|                                                                                           | Parcels   | 2nd 4.30 p.m.            |
|                                                                                           | Reg.      | 3rd 9 a.m.               |
|                                                                                           | Letters   | 3rd 10 a.m.              |
|                                                                                           | G.P.O.    |                          |
|                                                                                           | Parcels   | 2nd 5 p.m.               |
|                                                                                           | Reg.      | 3rd 9.45 a.m.            |
|                                                                                           | Letters   | 3rd 10.30 a.m.           |

(Due Marseilles 30th September).

| Japan, *Canada, *U.S.A., *C & S, America and *Europe via Victoria B.C. | Tathynius                      | Sat., Sept. 3, 10 a.m.   |
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|                                                                        | (Due Victoria B.C. 27th Sept.) |                          |
| Fort Bayard                                                            | Poo Sang                       | Sat., Sept. 3, 11 a.m.   |
| Swatow, Amoy and Foochow                                               | Haihong                        | Sat., Sept. 3, Noon.     |
| Weihaiwei                                                              | Kweichow                       | Sat., Sept. 3, 2.30 p.m. |
| Java via Batavia                                                       | Bandoeng Maru Sat.             | Sat., Sept. 3, 5 p.m.    |
| Manila                                                                 | Oostkerk                       | Sat., Sept. 3, 5 p.m.    |
| Hoihow                                                                 | Hermelin                       | Sat., Sept. 4, 8.30 a.m. |
| Swatow, Amoy and Formosa                                               | Kaijo Maru                     | Sun., Sept. 4, 9 a.m.    |
| Shanghai                                                               | Tjkarang                       | Sun., Sept. 4, 9 a.m.    |
| Swatow                                                                 | Hydrangea                      | Mon., Sept. 5, 2.30 p.m. |
| Shanghai                                                               | Chipsing                       | Mon., Sept. 5, 3.30 p.m. |
| Manila                                                                 | Pres. Grant                    | Mon., Sept. 5, 4.30 p.m. |
| Amoy                                                                   | Anhui                          | Mon., Sept. 5, 5 p.m.    |
| Swatow, Amoy and Foochow                                               | Hai Yang                       | Tues., Sept. 6, noon     |
| *Straits and Calcutta                                                  | Kutsang                        | Tues., Sept. 6, noon     |

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| SAT., 17th Sept.<br>at 9.15 p.m.  | The Successful Comedy<br><b>BLUEBEARD'S EIGHTH WIFE</b><br>From the French of Alfred Savoir.<br>By Arthur Wimperis                                                                  |
| MON., 19th Sept.<br>at 9.15 p.m.  | The Great Mystery Play<br><b>THE HOUSE OF UNREST</b><br>From the Strand Theatre, London                                                                                             |
| TUES., 20th Sept.<br>at 9.15 p.m. | The Successful Farical Comedy<br><b>HALF-A-LOAF</b><br>By Noel Scott                                                                                                                |
| WED., 21st Sept.<br>at 9.15 p.m.  | The Famous Farce<br><b>NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH</b><br>The Thrilling Mystery Play<br><b>IN THE NEXT ROOM</b><br>By Elmore Johnson and Horrad Ford<br>From St. Martin's Theatre, London |
| THUR., 22nd Sept.<br>at 9.15 p.m. | The World's Love Story<br><b>PEG O'MY HEART</b><br>April Vivian as Peg                                                                                                              |
| FRI., 23rd Sept.<br>at 9.15 p.m.  | Noel Coward's Famous Play<br><b>FALLEN ANGELS</b>                                                                                                                                   |

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## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THE SHOOTING OF DOGS ON  
THE PEAK.

At yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council a number of new Bills were introduced, these including the Budget and the \$5,000,000 Loan Bill, both of which are reported fully elsewhere.

The Colonial Secretary, replying to a question by the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard with reference to the shooting of dogs on the Peak, made it clear that the Government was determined that dog-owners should not imperil the lives of others by their disregard of the law. He said that orders will be given for the most rigorous enforcement of the law with the view to the extermination here, as in other law-abiding countries, of the scourge of rabies and the danger of hydrophobia.

His Excellency the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) presided, and there were also present:—  
His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops (Major General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G.).  
Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern C.M.G. (Colonial Secretary).  
Hon. Sir J. H. Kemp, K.C. (Attorney General).  
Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, O.B.E.  
Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G.  
Hon. Mr. H. T. Jackson (Director of Public Works).  
Hon. Sir Shau-sen Chow.  
Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard.  
Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes.  
Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes.  
Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton.  
Mr. E. W. Hamilton (Clerk of Councils).

## SHOOTING OF DOGS.

## Official Reply to Member's Question.

Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, in accordance with notice, asked the following question:  
Will the Government cause an enquiry to be held into

(a) the circumstances connected with the shooting of dogs at Jardine's Corner, Peak, on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, the 23rd and 24th July, having due regard to the people using the roads and the necessity or otherwise of such drastic action;

(b) the methods of enforcing the muzzling regulation and make recommendations for the future?

## The Reply.

The Colonial Secretary replied: (a) The Government has caused full enquiries to be made into the occurrences referred to in the first part of the honourable member's question. The shooting near Jardine's Corner was carried out by experienced police officers as the result of a complaint from a Peak resident of the danger to children from the presence of so many unmuzzled dogs in that neighbourhood, and the Government much regrets that by an error of judgment the shooting took place in the presence of children and that one child received a slight scratch apparently from a ricochet or a piece of stone. Orders have been issued that every possible care is to be taken to avoid the shooting of dogs in the presence of children, but it is obvious that the presence of spectators cannot always be avoided. The Government much regrets the necessity for undertaking the unpleasant duty of shooting dogs, but this necessity is forced upon it by the wholesale disregard of the law by dog-owners in this Colony. Among these law-breakers are to be numbered many Peak residents. It must be within the knowledge of all honourable members that, even since the occurrences referred to, dog-owners on the Peak and elsewhere still permit their dogs to roam about unmuzzled. As to the necessity for drastic action on the Peak as well as elsewhere it does not seem necessary to add anything to the bare statement of the fact that no less than 20 dogs from the Peak have been reported to the Police as having bitten people since the 1st January, 1926, that there were 184 reported cases of persons being bitten by dogs in Hongkong Island since that date, 11 reported cases of Rabies

## SINGAPORE DOCK.

## TO BE TOWED OUT BY DUTCH TUG CO.

The British Admiralty has built a dock in the Tyne River destined for Singapore, quotes a Dutch paper, which goes on to say:—  
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Eight seagoing tugs will be needed for the purpose, and these will have to be the biggest now in Holland.

To enable them to carry out their task, L. Smit and Co. have chartered four boats, from Messrs. Wijsmuller, another Dutch tug company.

and 11 reported cases of hydrophobia. The risk of the terrible disease of hydrophobia arising from the presence of unmuzzled dogs in a Colony infected with rabies appears to be quite inadequately appreciated.

(b) With regard to the second part of the honourable member's question the Muzzling Regulations will be enforced by prosecution of owners, capture of dogs when this is practicable and can be effected without undue risk of danger to the public servants employed, and by shooting. As regards the future, the Government is determined that dog-owners shall not, by their disregard of the law, imperil the lives of others; and proposes, after this public warning, to give orders for the most rigorous enforcement of the law with a view to the extermination here, as in other law-abiding countries, of the scourge of rabies and the danger of hydrophobia.

Hon. Mr. Bernard: Arising out of the replies to the question, I should be glad to know, (1), what experience is considered necessary before police officers are entrusted with the duty of shooting dogs; and (2), the weapons used.

The Colonial Secretary: I should like notice of the question.

## ASYLUM ORDINANCE.

## Greater Safeguards Now Provided.

The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill intitled An Ordinance to amend the Asylum Ordinance of 1906. He said: The main object of this Bill is to surround with greater safeguards the procedure in which persons suspected of being of unsound mind are sent to the Asylum for the purposes of observation. The intended safeguards are of two kinds. In the first place, it is provided that no order for sending a suspected case of lunacy to the asylum for observation shall be made until an attempt has been made to communicate with some relative of the patient. In the second place it is provided that the application for the order and the order itself must be made on a definite statutory form. That will have the effect of producing undoubtedly greater clearness and accuracy in the application and also in the order. When persons have to fill up a statutory form, with definite headings and calling for definite facts, there is much less danger of an order being made on vague or insufficient grounds.

The opportunity is also taken to make some minor improvement in the principal Ordinance. I beg to move the first reading of the Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

## PROHIBITED AREAS.

## Protection of Afforestation Operations.

The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill intitled An Ordinance to enable certain areas to be declared prohibited areas with a view to the protection of afforestation operations. He said:—The Botanical and Forestry Department have been

## DEEP SEA FISHING.

## THE ZANE GREY-ALMA BAKER EXPEDITION.

Mr. C. Alma Baker, C.B.E., one of the pioneer planters of Malaya, has returned to Singapore after a most interesting and successful fishing expedition around the coasts of New Zealand.

For a number of years now Mr. Alma Baker has made "big game" fishing his hobby, a sport in which he has been enthusiastically joined by Mr. Zane Grey, the well-known American novelist and authority on fishing. The expedition in New Zealand waters, both salt and fresh, was planned on an elaborate scale and began early in the year. The coastal waters and the North Taranaki River, described as the "best trout stream in the world," were thoroughly explored.

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A three-masted Nova Scotian schooner, The Fisherman, wonderfully equipped and carrying forty men, acted as mother ship for the expedition. Six launches went out from the schooner daily.

Mr. Zane Grey is completing a "Seven Seas" fishing film and also a book on the same subject, which will contain a full account of the recent expedition. He proceeded home on The Fisherman by way of the South Sea to Los Angeles. Next year he proposes to explore the Australian and Java coasts, then come to Singapore to refit and proceed to the coasts of Madagascar, where the waters are famous for their striped, marlin, black marlin and the gladiator of the seas, the broadbill swordfish.

Mr. Alma Baker will remain in Malaya until October and then leave again for New Zealand, where he now has extensive sheep and cattle interests. Mrs. and Miss Alma Baker have remained in New Zealand.

greatly hampered in their afforestation operations by the destruction of trees which they have planted. That destruction occurs in two ways. In the first place very young trees are often cut down carelessly by persons who are cutting grass on the hillside.

In the second place older trees are very often deliberately cut down in order that the wood may be sold as fuel. At present it is perfectly easy for a man, who goes up the hillside deliberately to cut and steal trees of this kind, to cease his cutting operations when he sees a forest guard approaching, hide his saw and axe, perhaps light a cigarette and wait until the forest guard has passed on, to resume his cutting and stealing.

The present Bill proposes to attack this problem from a new point of view. The proposal is that certain definite carefully selected areas should be declared prohibited areas, and it will be an offence not merely to cut trees in such areas but an offence to be found in these areas. The areas will be carefully selected by the Governor-in-Council, and the boundaries will be clearly marked; and there will be no excuse for any person to be found in such an area inadvertently, because it will be quite clear that the area is one which should not be entered. The prohibition against entering these areas will be absolute, so that not only will persons who wish to cut wood or cut grass be prohibited from entering, but also shooting parties and picnic parties will, for the general good, be kept out.

The intention for the moment is merely to make a beginning by the declaration of a certain area on the hillside between Tyam Harbour in the West, and Big Wave Bay and Shek O in the East.

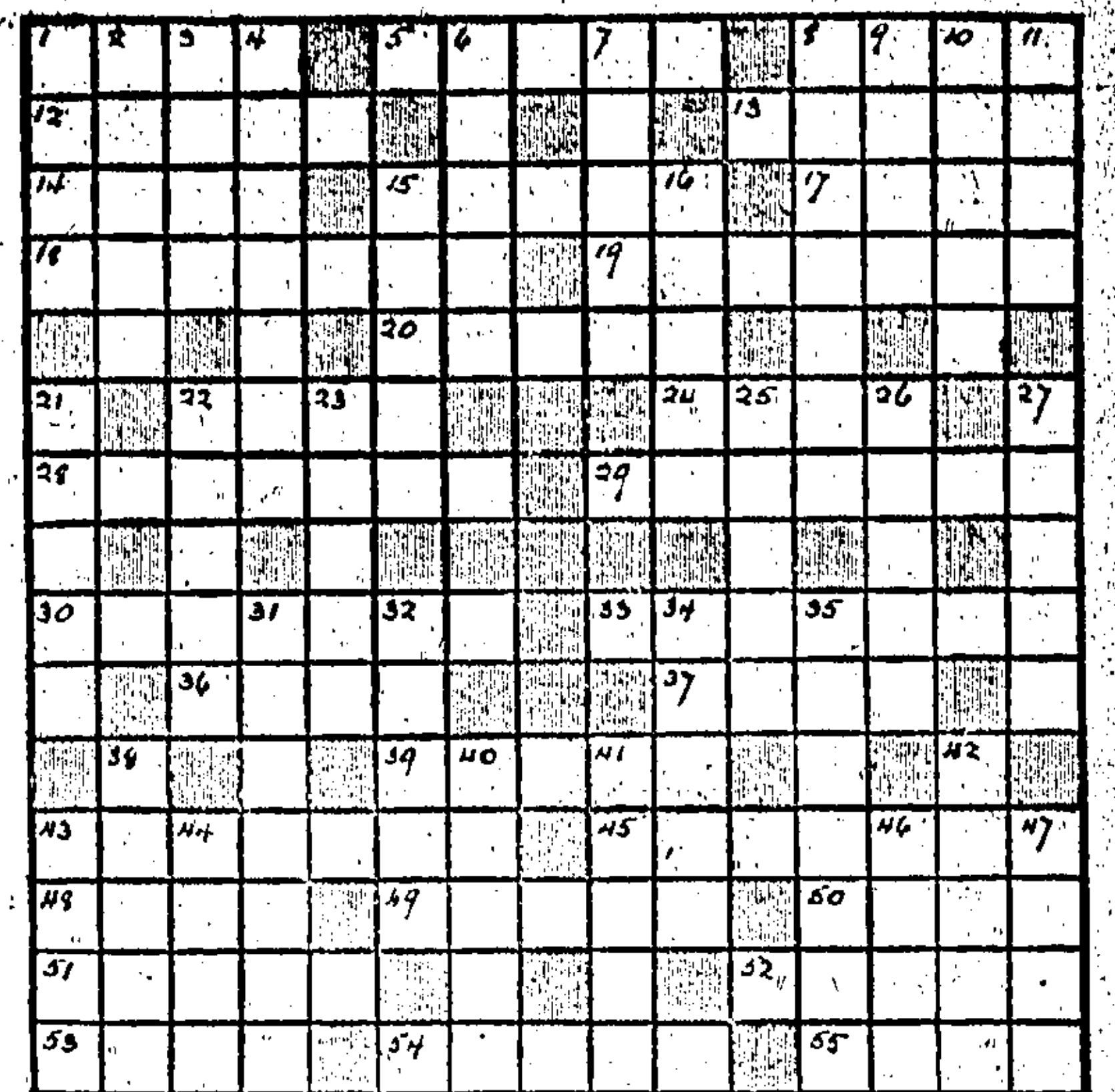
The Ordinance does not apply to the New Territories other than New Kowloon. I beg to move the first reading.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

Adjournment.

The Council adjourned until Thursday, September 15.

## OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



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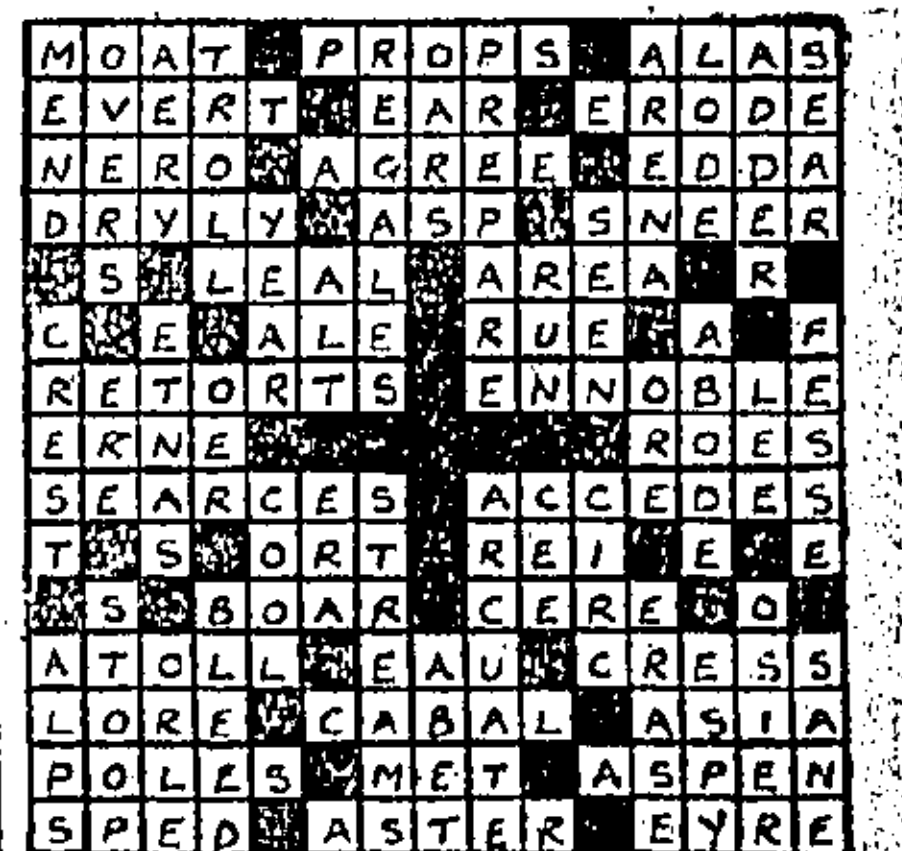
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5. Narrow strip of leather.
8. Springless carriage.
12. Abate.
13. Teaser.
14. Uttered a falsehood.
15. Liberates.
17. Ascend.
18. Dignify.
20. Literary composition.
22. Parts of the foot.
24. Two Scandinavian books.
28. Caps.
29. Stops.
30. Investing with clothing.
33. Payment for services.
36. Plural of cow.
37. A delightful region.
39. Tidal wave.
40. Musical performer.
45. Birds by ties of affection.
48. Advise.
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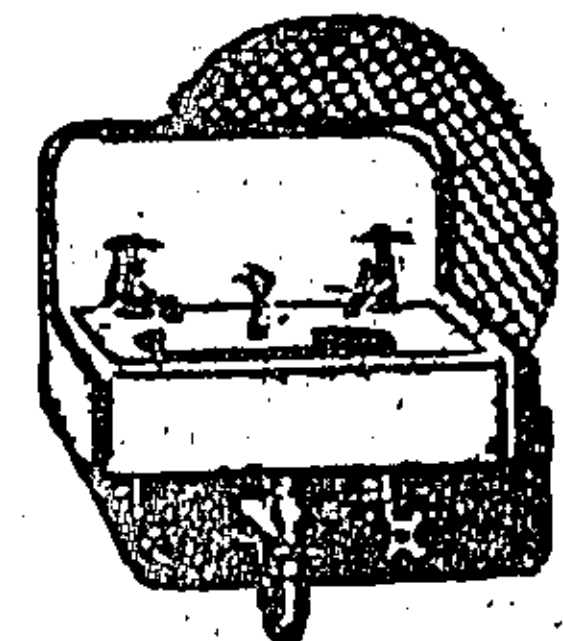
1. Figure on an escutcheon.
2. Existing.
3. An augury.
4. Phantom.
6. Useless weeds.
7. Combating ground.
8. Gradually cut away.
9. Song.
10. Reposes.

11. Perennial plant.
15. Collection of ships.
16. One who speaks.
21. Residence.
22. Mean fellow.
23. Lightning (Poet).
25. Celtic priest.
26. Of a pale hue.
27. Apart.
31. Female headress.
32. Sneeze.
34. Period in life.
35. Web-footed bird.
38. Portion.
40. An upper room.
41. Kingdom.
42. Sinned.
43. Supplicate.
44. Small British possession.
46. Pertaining to the air.
47. Wither.

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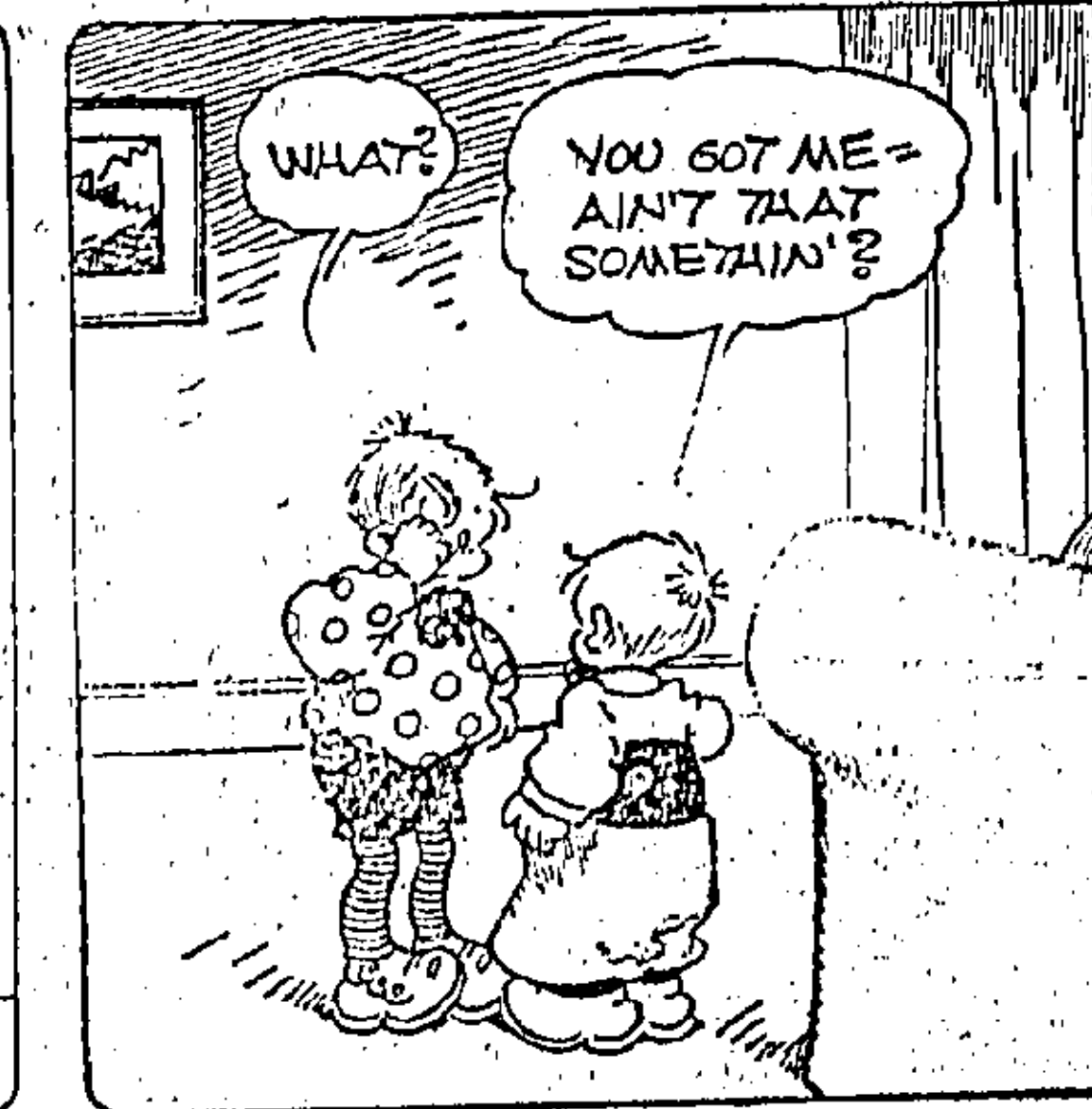
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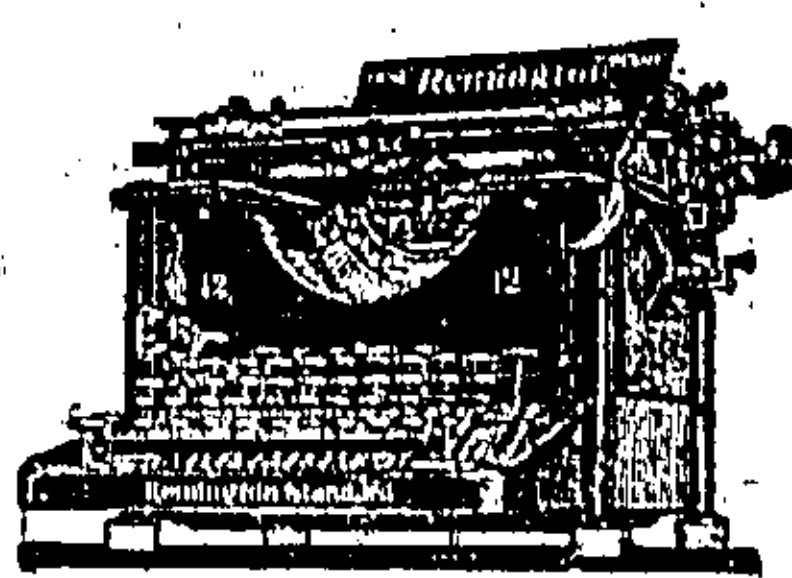
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### ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

The family of the late Mrs. Petronilla Maria Rozario beg to acknowledge the many kind expressions of sympathy on their recent bereavement. Also attendance at the funeral and floral tributes.

### The Hongkong Telegraph.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1927.

### BUDGET THOUGHTS.

Hongkong gets its statements of governmental policy in heavy doses, especially in connexion with the annual Budget. Yesterday proved to be quite as big a field day as is customary. But this year's introduction of the Budget was rendered more than usually interesting by reason of the long retrospective speech of His Excellency the Governor, in which he reviewed the position of the Colony's revenue over a period of 30 years. It was to excellent purpose, we think, that he reminded the Colony that it had enjoyed a long period of remarkable progress without having had recourse to borrowing—a position unexcelled in the history of the British Empire. We are all too prone to overlook the fact that not only have we been paying for big development works out of revenue but that we have done so without imposing on ourselves the burden of heavy taxation. His Excellency enumerated the many big undertakings which have been accomplished and, drawing on the lessons of the past, pointed out that after each of the Colony's three main setbacks in its history there have been periods of great development and progress. His faith in the future and the same grounds on which he justifies that faith will indeed be heartening to all, and should do much to help us tide over what is, we trust, the expiring period of the last setback.

So far as the actual figures of the Budget are concerned, there is not much that calls for comment. The revenue for next year is estimated to produce about \$400,000 less than will be raised this year, and the expenditure is put at \$22,183,045—an excess over the estimated revenue of just over \$2,000,000. It is explained that this excess of spendings over earnings can be met, if necessary, by the liquid balances available at the end of this year, but it

usually happens that the expenditure is not quite so heavy nor the revenue so small as is budgeted for. One pleasing feature is that there is to be no new taxation, and there will be general agreement with the Government's contention that it would be unwise, at such a time as this, to impose additional burdens on the community. There are two small new sources of income—increased school fees for certain Government Schools which will bring them into line with private school fees, and an increase in the survey fees for steamships and steam launches. A matter of \$90,000 is expected from these sources, and, in view of the fact that the present scale of fees in both cases is low, there can be no reasonable objection raised. There is fore-shadowed a very much smaller programme of public works during the next few years than the programmes to which we have been accustomed, and in this regard one hopes that a reasoned balance will be kept between the claims of economy and "desirability." Needed works ought to be carried out wherever possible. And we cannot resist regretting the Government's announcement that it will no longer be able to assist enterprising bodies with schemes of development "however desirable," because that statement automatically shuts out all schemes, and it is quite conceivable that certain schemes will shortly mature which are eminently worthy of public support, the denial of which might amount to the losing of great opportunities. It is quite easy for the Secretary of State for the Colonies to advise economy in this regard but we suggest that everything should be considered on its merits. To say "No" to everything is, we think, a little too wholesale. There will be much approval for the intention to engage a specially-trained malarial research officer, and the Government's confession of not having done enough in the past to fight malaria is a candid and refreshing admission. The promise of a short-wave wireless service with London reminds us of the rapid progress we are making in the breaking down of the barriers of distance. There are many other interesting items to which we hope to refer later, but, on main lines, we think the Budget is as satisfactory as can be hoped for in all the circumstances.

### Government's Anti-Rabies Policy.

There will be a certain amount of heart-burning, no doubt, over the reply given by the Government in Council yesterday to a request for its policy in the matter of dog-shooting. It is stated unequivocally that the intention in future is to carry out a very stern campaign against all unmuzzled dogs, and the owners of dogs who permit them to go about unmuzzled are distinctly told that they are law-breakers. It will be recalled that there was a considerable stir caused some weeks ago owing to a puppy having been shot at the children's playground at Jardine's Corner, on the Peak, and while it is regretted that there were children present and that one of them was slightly hurt, the practice of shooting unmuzzled dogs, wherever found, is officially defended. To the average person it is a matter for keen regret that a well-loved pet has to be muzzled. To most dogs the muzzle is a real misery, and owners' feelings on the subject can well be shared. However, drastic measures are necessary, and in this policy of the destruction of dogs that might be a menace to the community, all law-abiding residents, to use the official designation, will have to admit that the Government is justified. Hydrophobia is one of the most frightful diseases imaginable. The death throes of a victim are truly horrible. Whenever a case of rabies among dogs is found, it becomes necessary to make sure, by rigorous measures lasting over a considerable period, that the dread disease has been entirely stamped out before precautionary measures can be relaxed. It is known that the menace has not been quite eliminated. There are scores of dogs going about all over the Colony unmuzzled, many of them belonging to owners who would be the last, were they to think seriously about the matter, to lend themselves to any action which might conceivably enable rabies to spread. Yet, wherever the disease may lurk, every unmuzzled dog becomes a menace. Not only does the infection lurk in Hongkong, but it is by no means certain that

### DAY BY DAY.

CONTEMPT FOR WOMEN IS THE FIRST LAW OF SAVAGERY.—H. De Vere Stacpoole.

The weather forecast up till noon is:—"South winds, moderate; fair."

Among the passengers returning to the Colony by the s.s. Morea today was Miss Lewis.

The Ceylon Maru arriving from Calcutta and Singapore, reports one case of suspected typhoid on board, the patient being an apprentice engineer.

A Chinese merchant, temporarily residing at the Tung Wo Boarding House, Connaught Road Central, reports the loss of jewellery from his room yesterday, valued at \$107.

West River arrivals report that the head of the surfact officials at Dosing and Wuchow, have both been arrested and taken to Canton, but no reason is ascribed for this action by the local authorities.

The body of a Chinese was sent to the public mortuary yesterday afternoon. The man suddenly collapsed in Connaught Road Central, outside house No. 92. It is believed that death was due to natural causes.

A gold wrist watch, valued at \$45, was stolen yesterday from Mrs. T. F. Felchor's residence at No. 6, Knutsford Terrace. According to a report made to the police, the watch was apparently stolen from Mrs. Felchor's bedroom.

Penang, Aug. 28.—In the Supreme Court Mr. Justice Sproule reserved judgment in the case of Lay Ah Thye, who applied for a declaration that she be declared a widow of the late Cheung Ah Quee so that she could claim her share in the estate.

An old Chinese woman who jumped into the Yau-mai typhoon shelter in an attempt to commit suicide was rescued by the crew of a chunder boat which happened to be at the shelter at the time. The woman is now at the Government Civil Hospital.

This morning's Harbour Office Reports gave 15 arrivals and 22 departures, of which one and five respectively were British. The British entry registered only over-carry cargo from Swatow and thus the freight return for the nationality was blank, as was the passenger return. There remain 70 vessels in harbour, British 27.

The work of the Rockefeller Foundation in Siam can hardly be measured in terms of money, yet it is surprising to learn, says a writer, that last year the personnel grant for building, etc., cost the Foundation no less than U.S. gold \$162,000. Of that sum the University received \$96,000 odd, and contributions to buildings was \$59,000 odd.

The mistress of a cargo junk was charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with the theft of 1,743 pounds of coal belonging to the Cheong Hing firm of contractors of No. 14, Pedder Street. The defendant was alternatively charged with receiving stolen property. The case was adjourned for one week, bail being fixed at \$100.

Those interested in the education of British children in the Colony and especially of the progress and standard compared with children educated at Home will learn with pleasure that Molly and Dorothy Reid, formerly pupils of Quarry Bay School, are doing exceedingly well at Dairies House School, near Glasgow, where they have, this last term, been top of their respective classes, in addition to winning several special prizes. It is also interesting to note that in a *Daily Mail* and competition held at Troon, Molly Reid was bracketed as first prize winner out of 300 competitors.

all who are bitten by dogs and then treated are absolutely safe. The recent case of a young lady at Shanghai, who, despite prompt submission to the course of anti-rabic treatment, succumbed to the horrible malady, drew attention to the fact that there is a type of hydrophobia which is considered incurable. Thus every dog that bites a human being, or another dog, is a potential conveyor of rabies. The obvious measure to safeguard against dog-bites is universal muzzling, and if owners will co-operate they will considerably aid in the campaign to stamp out the disease. Were the regulations strictly adhered to, there would be no need on the part of the authorities to have recourse to the shooting they have decided upon.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

#### LATEST PIRACIES.

(To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.)

Sir,—The two recent piracies have made it clear that no remedial measures can meet with success so long as pirates can, at their will, board ships ostensibly as passengers, at out-ports, where supervision of embarking passengers or pseudo-passengers is non-existent; and grilles and Indian guards have by no means been as deterrent as was anticipated.

What to do?—that is the question. Among many others one suggestion was that a permanent patrol be established in the vicinity of Bias Bay with a view to intercepting pirated vessels, but this measure of prevention, if successful, would hardly be justified on account of the expense accruing from such a patrol. I say "if successful" purposely, for it is possible that the pirates would readily find a substitute for Bias Bay which is sufficiently removed from the area covered by the efforts of the latter abortive. Then again before leaving the subject of a patrol it is hardly likely, or rather could not fairly be expected, that the Government would institute anything of the kind without the co-operation of other nationals, including Chinese, whose vessels are as likely to be pillaged as are those of British firms. It is also pertinent to ask: "Would that co-operation be forthcoming?"

What is required is not elaborate preventive schemes on board steamers but concerted action on the part of the Cantonese and Hongkong Governments with a view to the total disruption of the piratical organisation. It needs no deep thinking to arrive at the conclusion that a well-organised gang is in operation between Shanghai and Hongkong. It is clear that informers abound in Swatow, Amoy and Foochow in addition to Hongkong and Shanghai; it is also clear that there are brains behind the scenes conducting operations. Who are they? They may be in our midst for all we know. The sooner it is realised that we are not faced with a few swashbuckling buccaniers, but a well-organised and well-controlled band of pirates the earlier will it be apparent from which direction they should be attacked. A weed must be uprooted else it grows again.

In spite of the punitive expedition, I dare to prophesy that piracy will continue to be carried out. Bias Bay is the home of fishermen who, granted, practice piracy on a small scale amongst themselves, but it is obvious that the men who practice their nefarious work on ocean-going steamers merely utilise Bias Bay on account of its convenience, their loot being taken, presumably, to Waichow, eventually finding its way to Canton.

It is indeed hard to think that, in this enlightened century, seafarers, in pursuit of their peaceful occupations, should have to keep a watch with arms on their person; and it is ironical to think that, on account of the quickness and surprise of attack their chances of retaliation are practically nil.—Yours, etc.,

MARINER.

Hongkong, September 2, 1927.

### EXCHANGE RATES.

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| Geneva           | 25.21 1/2 |
| Berlin           | 20.43     |
| Oslo             | 18.68     |
| Helsingfors      | 193 1/2   |
| Athens           | 308 1/2   |
| Buenos Aires     | 47.29/32  |
| Hongkong         | 1/11 1/2  |
| New York         | 4.86 1/16 |
| Amsterdam        | 12.13 1/4 |
| Stockholm        | 16.11     |
| Vienna           | 34.48 1/2 |
| Madrid           | 28.71     |
| Bombay           | 1/75 1/2  |
| Yokohama         | 1/11 1/16 |
| Brussels         | 34.91 1/4 |
| Milan            | 89.30     |
| Copenhagen       | 18.13     |
| Prague           | 164 1/4   |
| Lisbon           | 2.11/32   |
| Rio              | 6 1/4     |
| Shanghai         | 2/6 1/4   |
| Silver (spot)    | 25 1/2    |
| Silver (forward) | 25 1/2    |

—British Wireless.

In asking for a more severe punishment than six strokes with the cane, the mother of a twelve-year-old Chinese boy who was charged before Mr. W. Schofield this morning with the theft of a blanket from No. 454, Reclamation Street, said that her son had been misled by others and had got beyond her control. His Worship thought that six strokes of the cane would be sufficient this time.

### The Very Idea!

Paris.—Kissing among actors and actresses was declared to be innocuous and not necessarily a ground for divorce, by a Paris court recently.

Jame Maguenat, a young Parisian actress, and her husband, M. Levin, a theatrical producer and playwright, decided mutually that their matrimonial adventure had lasted long enough, and both petitioned for divorce. They separated, but before the case was called the husband accused his wife of infidelity, and cited as co-respondent another actor. He made particular point of the phrase, "I send you a kiss," at the end of one of the letters. The husband deduced from this that his wife had been unfaithful, and demanded divorce. "Bah!" exclaimed the wife's counsel, "What is a kiss among the men and women of the stage? Nothing. Actors and actresses kiss one another every night on the stage, and nobody thinks it is wrong."

The court agreed, and pronounced a judgment of Solomon, awarding the divorce to both parties and adding a rider that "kissing among members of the theatrical profession is harmless."

Mark Twain, in his declining years, turned hostile to Press interviewers. One day, however, an enterprising young reporter braved the famous humorist in his den and, without any preamble began—Mr. Clemens, may I ask you to tell me what was the most impressive event you have ever witnessed in your life?

"The funeral of George Washington," was the unflinching reply.

"Er—ah—pardon me, but didn't that take place a good many years before you were born?"

"It did," said Mark sadly. "But let me clasp your hand, young man. You are the first newspaper man I've met these many years who discovered a mistake before it was printed."

Defendant (pleading for tendency: I'm an alcoholic kleptomaniac.

Magistrate (in Licensing Court): I hope there's not going to be much argument in this case. I've lost my voice.

Court Orderly: Take your hat off in court!

The Offender (hurriedly leaving): I'm not in it, see?

Orderly: Well, take it off just the same.

Solicitor (to witness describing collision): And you moved the vehicle to the centre of the road?

Witness: No, I pushed it into the middle.

Solicitor: Call the father.

Orderly (shouting outside): Father! Father!

The Parish Council were in conclave in the anteroom of the village hall, and the medical officer's annual report was in process of being submitted.

"The death-rate," the clerk read, "amounted to nine point-nine."

"What does the man mean by nine-point-nine," inquired the village smith: "I dinna quite grasp it."

"Man, Mr. M'Whirter," explained the chairman, "the thing's as clear as day. The doctor means that nine of our folk are dead, and nine of them are at the pint o' daith. Hae ye got it noo?"

The more I see of public life the more I care for home—Lady Astor. Lawyers live mentally in the time when gibbets were on every highway.—Mr. George Hicks.

From a political point of view it is almost a crime to be a property owner in this country to-day.—Mr. E. G. Pretyman.

My gas bill is three or four times as much as it has ever been previously, but I have not complained.—Judge Harrington.

The men I want to debate with are the disgruntled Sociologists who date the progress of the world from their own birth certificate.—Rev. S. W. Hughes.

It was an action for damage in a Western court in the U.S.A., and the result hinged on the credence to be placed on the evidence of a certain individual.

"Your Honour," said counsel for the plaintiff to the judge. "I have a bunch of witnesses here to prove that this man one time was running a one-horse theatre in Chicago, and that when there was barely one person in the audience, the notice was put up outside, 'House full.'"

"That's right, judge," broke in the prisoner. "But that guy in the stalls was the house. And Gee! he was so full he couldn't stand up."

Commodore Pearson, whilst inspecting one of the gunboats in the harbour yesterday, had a nasty fall, but fortunately, although considerably shaken was not seriously injured.



CANADA TO ENGLAND  
BY AIR.TWO PLANES START LONG  
FLIGHTS.

## FROM WINDSOR TO WINDSOR.

Windsor, Ontario, Sept. 1. A Stinson monoplane, "Royal Windsor," piloted by Messrs. Schiller and Wood, started at nine o'clock this morning on a non-stop flight from Windsor to England.—*Reuter's American Service.*

London, Sept. 1. Two more attempts to make the trans-Atlantic flight from west to east were started to-day. Captain Tully and Lieutenant Medcalf, flying the aeroplane "Sir John Carling," left London, Ontario, for London, England, at a quarter to six this morning, Canadian time, at a quarter to eleven, British summer-time.

Tully and Medcalf will alight at Harbour Grace, Newfoundland, to refuel, before continuing the flight. This is their second attempt. They started last Monday but were forced to turn back by bad weather.

A second attempt eastward is being made by the airmen Schiller and Wood, who left Windsor, Ontario, with Windsor, England, as their goal, at a quarter past two this afternoon, British summer-time.—*British Wireless.*

## GUARD CHARGED.

ALLEGED ASSAULT ON  
INSPECTOR.

A ship's guard of the s.s. Charles Hardouin named, Mooran Singh was charged this morning with assaulting Sub-Inspector Nard Singh, Inspector of ship's guard at 4.15 p.m. yesterday on board the ship.

Mr. M. K. Lo conducted the defence.

Mr. W. le Bart Sparrow, A.S.P., said that the Indian Inspector went on board to inspect the guards. He found the defendant in the guards' cabin with a Chinese boy. He intervened and the youth ran away. The defendant then jumped on the Inspector, struck him down and then attempted to seize the revolver which the Inspector carried. Eventually in the course of the struggle, the revolver fell on the ground because the holster became undone. The cartridges were strewn all over the place. It is alleged that the defendant struck the Inspector on the eye.

A Sergeant of the Guards, hearing the commotion, went to the Inspector's assistance and between them the defendant was overpowered and arrested.

The case was adjourned for hearing on Thursday next at 2.15.

CUTTING YOUNG  
SAPPLINGS.

## THE SPOILIATION OF TREES.

Two men and one woman were charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning with trespass on the Government Plantation at Bowen Road, Wanchai, and with cutting grass from the plantation.

A forest guard informed the Magistrate that among the grass which had been cut by the defendants were young pine saplings. The defendants informed his Worship that they were employed by a certain contractor to cut turf and they were not aware that they were in the Government plantation.

Mr. Lindsell said he believed that the defendants did not deliberately cut the saplings and discharged them with a caution.

Two other women who were charged with being in unlawful possession of a tree trunk were also discharged with a caution, the Magistrate being satisfied that the tree was blown down by the recent typhoon.

U.S. RIFLES FOR THE  
SOVIET.GOVERNMENT PREVENTS  
SALE.

New York, Sept. 1. The Washington correspondent of the *New York Times* says that the negotiations with the agents of the Soviet Government, for the purchase of 150,000 military rifles from the United States, have been blocked by the refusal of the State Department to permit the arms to be shipped abroad.

The agent of the purchasers, who came to Washington with information that the contract for the sale of the arms was ready for signature, and that the rifles had been assembled in New York, was told by the State Department that they disapproved of the action.—*Reuter.*

CANTON'S FINANCIAL  
CRISIS.VERY TENSE SITUATION  
CREATED.

## SHOPS AND BANKS CLOSE.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, Sept. 2. A tense situation has been created on account of the acute financial crisis. Many stores have suspended business as they do not want any more banknotes of the Central Bank to be tendered for payment of their goods. Many private banks have closed-up but the Commissioner of Police when informed of this "strike" immediately sent out a large detachment of police to the banking districts ordering the banks and money changers to resume business.

The branch of a well-known Hongkong bank has been approached by Treasury officials for a loan of \$500,000 but it is not known what reply the bank has made.

Two prominent bankers, who are accused of being responsible for the "run" on the Central Bank, just escaped in time before they were arrested. Many other rich merchants are in hiding in order to evade their share to stabilize government finance. It is reported that Mr. Koo Ying-fung believes that unscrupulous merchants are the cause of the present financial trouble and that they must be dealt with by "revolutionary" punishment.

## A Proclamation.

The Government has issued a proclamation to the effect that all dealings that involve more than one dollar must be transacted in Central Bank notes. As the Central Bank and all its branches are closed against holders of its notes, they have nowhere to dispose of them. It is learned that the present panic will continue until the Central Bank again accepts its own issues.

From political circles, it is confidentially learned that many high officials, both civil and military, are making preparations to resign their posts and will make known their decision as soon as arrangements are made.

## An Earlier Review.

Writing under date of Wednesday, a special correspondent says:—

When the news leaked out on Tuesday morning that the Canton Government had seen fit to arrest six prominent merchants and city-men and had lodged them in prison, people began to wonder what was to happen next. Never in the history of this, or I should imagine, any other Government, has such a flagrant act of conspiracy and injustice been perpetrated.

It was after partaking of tea at the house of Mr. Koo Ying-fan, Head of the Treasury in this city, that these merchants were arrested and cast into prison, orders for this move having been issued by their host. And the price for their release? Ten million dollars in silver has to be collected by the various associations and handed to, and for the financing of, the Government. In what country, other than China, would this rascality, the only term for it, be countenanced?

And further news on the subject makes this act on the part of the Government appear in a much worse light than before, for, it is now stated, the Government is having revenge on the bankers, merchants and people concerned who were responsible for the recent scare in the money market. The onus has fallen on two men, the most prominent of those arrested, the remaining four having been released on a sort of ticket-of-leave, presumably, for it is known that they are being watched almost hourly.

Mr. Lei Chi-ping, head of the money exchangers guild, and Mr. Wong Wui-man, managing director of the Ng Wah Bank, are the two gentlemen being held, but arrangements are being made to effect their speedy release. The plan put forward by the Government, is that the sum by them be divided into two parts. One part, six million, is to be paid by the Chamber of Commerce, the other four million to be furnished by the money exchangers guild. The Chamber has decided to pay their share of the sum, with the proviso that the people held in custody are almost immediately released, but they state that they cannot be expected to find such an enormous sum at a few days notice. They agree to pay within a given period. But once their confederates are liberated and safely away it is thought that the Chamber of Commerce will wriggle out of this uncomfortable position and possibly will only pay one quarter of the sum they agree upon now.

The Merchants' Association, another name for the Chamber of Commerce, is indeed sorely tried, for the sums of money already expended by them for Government purposes during the present year has run into millions of dollars.

VEHICULAR FERRY  
SERVICE.PROGRESS WITH THE  
NEW SCHEME.

## FURTHER ENQUIRY.

Discussions with regard to the proposed new vehicular ferry service across the harbour have reached a stage where a Sessional Paper is to be prepared and laid before the Council, it was learnt this morning.

This paper will set out all the information already obtained on the various aspects of the project, but further enquiry has yet to be made with regard to the cost of transfer of goods, and the direction of the traffic.

So far a good deal of guess work has had to be used, a *Telegraph* representative was told and it is hoped to obtain more definite information with regard to the likely amount of traffic from Hongkong to Kowloon and vice versa. The question of the wharves and their positions have still to be decided, and this matter will naturally depend to a certain extent on the amount of traffic which will use such a service from both sides of the Harbour.

Owing to the fact that the Government is not in a financial position to take over the scheme, it will be left to some private company to organise. Naturally such a company would expect return on their outlay, so that the question of costs, and likely profit, about which more information is to be obtained, are important factors.

MILITARY THREAT TO  
KWANTUNG.ADVANCE OF HOSTILE  
FORCES.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, Sept. 1. General Headquarters has received a report from the different military commanders in Waichow, Swatow, and Hoi Luk Fung that their forces are insufficient to cope with the present situation and that more troops are requested. The Government is unable to deplete more troops from the city or from the North River districts, but it is understood that General Wong Shui-hung has ordered General Chin Ta-kwan, who is somewhere in Kiangsi, to lead all his men into Fukien.

All these military preparations are made in anticipation of the return of Generals Yip Ting and Ho Lung with their army, 20,000 strong. These soldiers, according to the latest report to hand, have already reached Kwangtung territory from the North-east. They have occupied important strategic centres in Southern Fukien which is their base.

What embarrasses the Canton Government is that many farmers and labourers in Waichow, Sheklung, Hoi Luk Fung and Chiu Chow are in secret alliance with General Yip Ting. These peasants are daily giving trouble to those in authority. It is reliably learned that General Yip is assisted by a watch of "political directors," whose work is to stir up the populace in their favour just prior to the beginning of an attack, and who claim credit for the success of the campaign against the North-easterns. There are also several Soviet staff officers in Yip Ting's army.

## WARSAW FLOODS.

## A HEAVY TOLL.

Warsaw, Sept. 1. Over 180 people perished in the floods and over 10,000 have been rendered homeless. Heavy rainfall continues. The small town of Kut is practically destroyed. Through the flooding of the river Czarnosc, Przemyśl is also inundated. The damage to flooded areas is estimated at over £1,000,000. Aeroplanes have rendered assistance by directing the rescuers.—*Reuter.*

BANK OF FRANCE  
FUNDS.REDUCTION OF ADVANCES  
TO THE STATE.

London, Sept. 1. The legal limit of advances by the Bank of France to the State, have been reduced by 4,500,000,000 francs, to 32 billions. The total actual advances have been decreased to 24,650,000,000 francs, thus leaving available a margin of 7,350,000,000 francs.—*Havas.*

THE VARYING AGES  
OF MAN.EVOLUTION FROM A BLOB  
OF JELLY.

## FUTURE OF WHITE RACES.

London, Sept. 1.

Speaking at a meeting of the British Association, Doctor G. P. Bidder, in his presidential address to the zoology section on "The Ancient History of Sponges and Animals" traced man's origin to a stage more remote than that of Keith's anthropoids.

Dr. Bidder said, "If we had been higher animals, averaging ten generations yearly for a thousand millions of years, then some ten thousand millions of generations may have brought us from jellyfish to men. We owe our appreciation of dancing, poetry, music, and our sense of rhythm to actions we made when we were only tiny blobs of jelly millions of years ago."

## Power of Invention.

Sir J. B. Henderson, presiding over the engineering section, said that with the aid of invention there were no limits to the power of man. The history of the past century showed that he was succeeding beyond belief. His success had continued, and was bound markedly to affect the future type of man.

## Turning to the Poles.

Dr. Rudmose Brown, presiding over the geography section, said that emigrants in the future would be induced to settle in Polar regions. There was no real evidence that the white races were suited to a permanent transference to the tropics. Long before they found sure footing in the tropics, the coloured races would have effectively occupied the warmer lands. Hence the whites must turn to the Poles to search for new homes.

He forecasted a scattered population, composed of reindeer and musk ox farmers, in the Arctic regions of Canada, Siberia, Greenland, and Spitzbergen, a hundred years hence.—*Reuter.*

## POLICE RAIDS.

## BUSY EVENING IN YAUMATI.

The Chinese press states that six raids were carried out by the Police in Yaumati last night at about 6 o'clock when foreign and Chinese detectives, divided into six groups, visited the following houses: 161, first floor, Temple Street, Yaumati; 171, second floor, Temple Street; 345, Shanghai Street; a Chinese shop named Hun On in Wosung Street, Yaumati; a house in Portland Street; and a house in Shanghai Street. It is learned that nothing of an implicating nature was found in any of the houses and with the exception of a Chinese arrested in the Hung On shop no other arrest was made.

## SHOT BY DETECTIVE.

CHINESE IGNORES  
CHALLENGE.

A Chinese detective noticing a man climbing into the back of No. 101, Ap Liu Street, Sham Shui-po at 2 o'clock this morning challenged the man and called upon him to stop. The man however ignored the challenge with the result that the detective drew his revolver and shot at the man.

The bullet struck the man on his right thigh and wounded him sufficiently to prevent his running away. He is now receiving attention at the Kowloon Hospital.

## STOP PRESS.

CANTON BANKERS  
TO PAY UP.

Canton, Sept. 2.

It is understood that the Canton native bankers, whose shops were raided and blockaded by soldiers and police this morning, have promised to meet the Government demand for part of the \$10,000,000 loan.

The Native Bankers' Association have been required by the Government to raise 40 per cent. of the loan.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

EUROPE TO FAR EAST  
BY AIR.PROPOSED HOLLAND-  
BATAVIA SERVICE.

## PASSENGERS AND MAILS.

A Dutch contemporary contains some details of the proposals that have been put before the Dutch Government by the Royal Dutch Air Force of Holland for the establishment of a weekly air service for passengers between Holland and Batavia.

It is proposed to use eight Fokker three-motor machines, and the proposal is based on the estimate that each flight will take ten days.

Each aeroplane will carry nine passengers. The fare will be 2,100 guilders, this to include food and hotel charges.

It is definitely stated that Constantinople and Singapore will not be included in the route—the former owing to Customs difficulties, the latter owing presumably to the absence of suitable flying facilities.

A stop will be made at Medan. It is not known whether or not Rangoon will be included in the itinerary.

## Mr. van Lear Black.

Of interest is the fact that it was in a machine of the Royal Dutch Air Service that Mr. van Lear Black, the American millionaire with banking interests, recently flew from Holland to Batavia and back, stopping at Singapore on the way out.

In the absence of a statement as to whether there will be a stop at Rangoon, the proposed route, with the exception that Constantinople and Singapore will be left out, will be substantially the same as that followed by the American millionaire, who was reported by a *Straits Times* interviewer to have expressed the opinion, on alighting from his plane, that a Holland-Java passenger service was "every bit feasible."

Mr. van Lear Black at the time strongly disclaimed all interest in the proposed service, regarding which it was rumoured at the time that American banking interests had been approached.

From the fact that "hotel accommodation" is included in the charge of 2,100 guilders, it is presumed that flying will be only during the day, stops being made, as in the case of the van Lear Black flight, at a hotel each night.

## Another Dutch Fight.

Lieut. Koppen, the Dutch flying officer, who, as stated in the *Straits Times* recently, is making preparations for a Holland-Java flight, hopes to make the attempt in October.

He proposes subsequently to fly from Holland to South Africa and the Dutch West Indies.

Among the events in the topical gazette being screened at the World Theatre to-day is the unveiling ceremony of the memorial at the Menin Gate, a special *Times* copyright photograph of which appeared in the *Hongkong Telegraph* yesterday. The ceremony was performed by Field Marshal Lord Plumer in the presence of the King of the Belgians. Other incidents shown in the topical gazette at the World Theatre include the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace and the King of Egypt's visit to England.

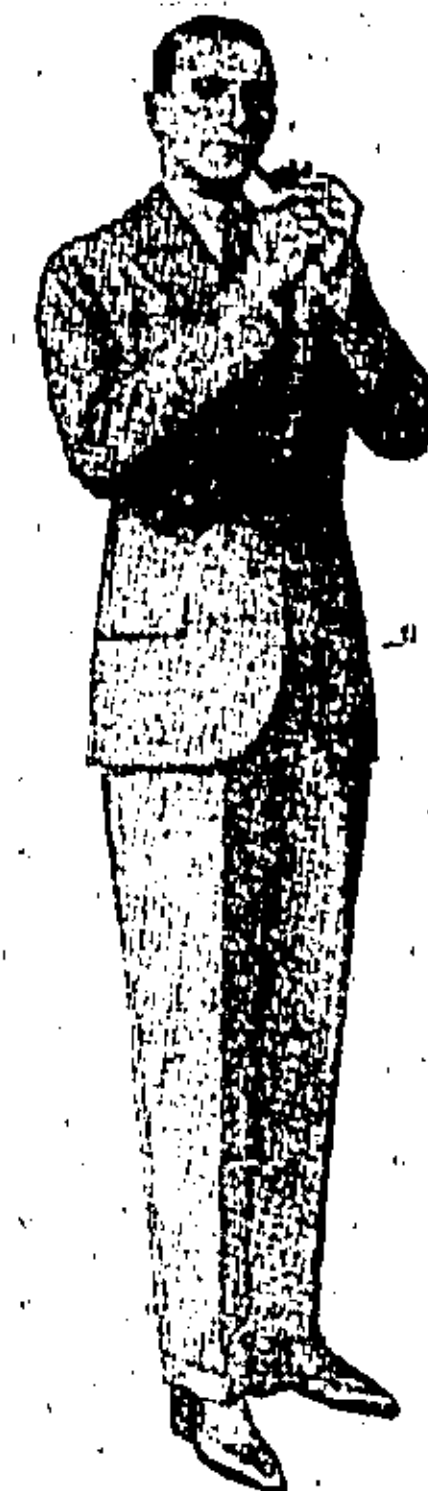
HOW MUCH DO YOU  
KNOW?

## TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*. Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

1. What is the raw material of chewing gum, and whence does it come?
2. Where is the North Magnetic Pole?
3. What are Isolytelic Lines?
4. What place in France is noted for the manufacture of briar pipes?
5. What is the "Mediterranean type" of climate, and where is it found?
6. What proportion of the world's petroleum is produced in the United States and Mexico, respectively?
7. When is it mid-day in London, what time is it in New York?
8. What is a quebracho?
9. Where is Flan and for what is it noted?
10. What proportion of the world's tin is produced in the British Empire and where are the principal mines?
11. What is the area of British overseas territory and what is that of France?
12. What is the Khamti?

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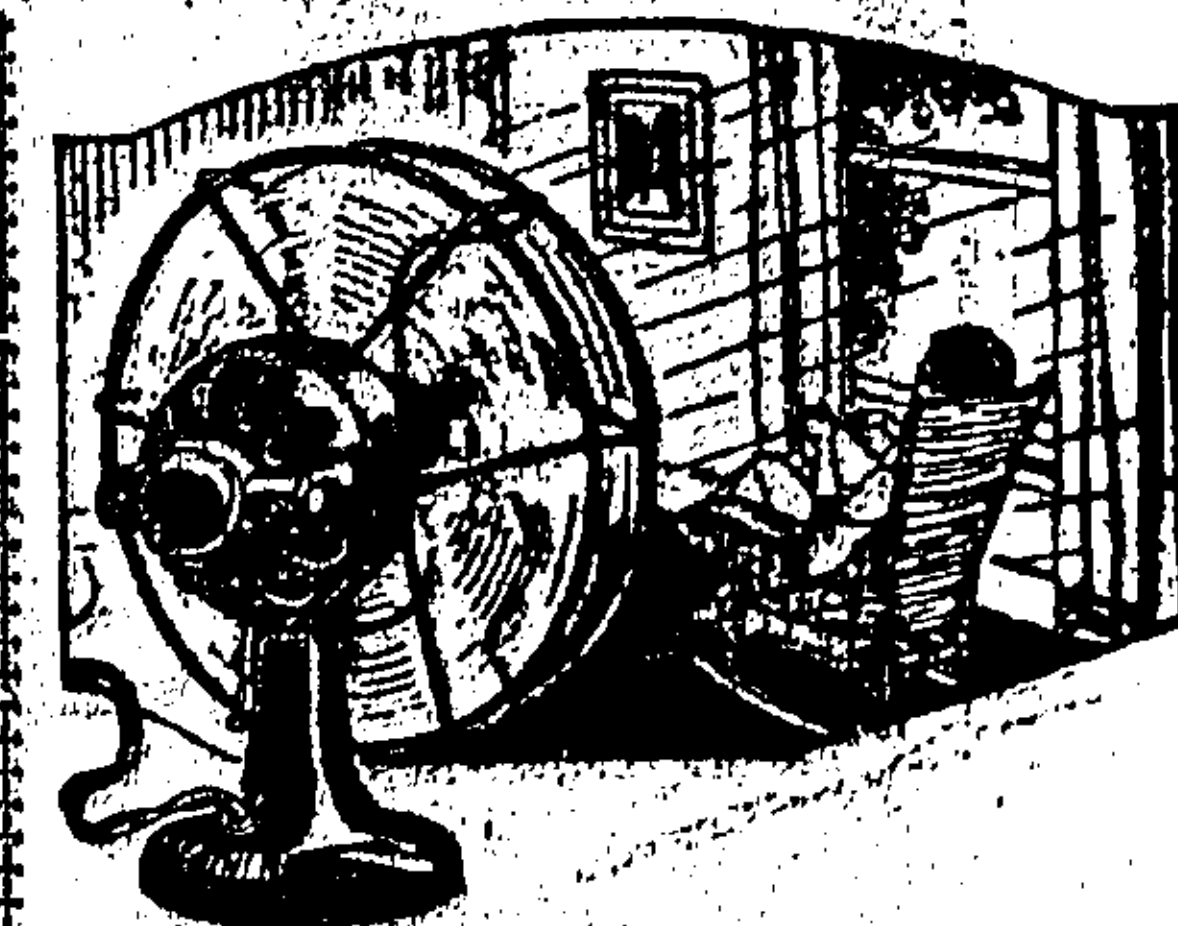
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### SINGAPORE WEDDING.

LIEUT. EXHAM AND MISS JOAN HAMILTON.

A very pretty and interesting wedding took place at the Garrison Church, Singapore, on Friday afternoon, the contracting parties being Lieut. Kenneth Godfrey Exham, son of Lieut. Colonel Exham, R. A. O. C. and Mrs. Exham, of Bramley, Hampshire, and Joan Eleanor Stewart Hamilton, daughter of Mr. A. W. B. Hamilton, Swiss Cottage, Singapore. Both are well-known and popular in Singapore.

The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. E. G. Semple, M.A., Chaplain to the Forces, and as the bride and bridegroom left the church they passed under an arch of sword formed by the bridegroom's brother officers, Lieut. C. R. T. Cumberlege was the best man, and Miss Marjorie Exham was in attendance on the bride.

The bride looked charming in a simple but very beautiful period dress of white satin, with pinnies, and crowned with a veil and orange blossom. She carried a bouquet of Madonna lilies. The bridesmaid wore a very becoming pale pink georgette frock, and a straw picture hat, and carried a bunch of Malmesbury carnations.

After the wedding, a reception was held in the Officers' Mess where the numerous guests were received by Mrs. Burnett, and Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Exham. Col. Exham has been attached to the forces at Shanghai.

At the reception, Major J. C. Burnett, D.S.O., Officer Commanding the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, proposed the health of the bride and bridegroom in a very neat and appropriate speech. The bride cut the cake with her husband's sword.

Later the happy couple left by the Melchior Treub for Java, where the honeymoon is being spent.

A large collection of handsome presents were displayed in the Officers' Mess.

The presents included a silver blotter and inkstand from the Sergeants' Mess, a silver cigarette box from the Sergeants of No. 4 Company and a silver rose bowl from Lieut. Exham's platoon, No. 14.

### THE SIAMESE BUDGET.

NEW IMPORT TARIFF.

Bangkok, Aug. 25. The Budget report issued today shows a surplus estimated at half a million teals. Capital expenditure on irrigation and railways, which is estimated at seven millions, will be met from Treasury balances, a foreign loan being avoided. The new import tariff is estimated to produce six millions and the excise tariff two millions more than in previous years.

The Hospital Comforts Committee begs to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of the following:—Curtain for the Chapel ("Doicesan Boys' School" Hospital) from the Women's Guild; parcels of literature from Mrs. C. C. Stark, Mrs. A. T. Hamilton and Mrs. Minett.



### FAR EASTERN OLYMPIAD.

NG SZE-KWONG DOES WELL.

Shanghai, Sept. 1. In the Far Eastern Olympic games, the following are the latest results:

At baseball, China beat the Philippines, 3 to 1.

At volleyball, the Philippines beat Japan, 21-4, and 21-7.

At lawn tennis, in the open singles, Engayo (Philippines) beat Wong (China), 6-4, 6-1. Ng Sze-kwong (China) beat Faentebella (Philippines), 6-0, 6-2.

At basketball, the Philippines beat China, 28-7.

At football, China beat the Philippines, 7 goals to nil.—*Reuter.*

### Japan Wins Championship.

Shanghai, Sept. 2. By losing the basketball game last night to the Philippines, China's last hope of winning the Far Eastern Olympic Championship has vanished. Japan emerging the victors.—*Reuter.*

### GREYHOUND RACING SENSATION.

HOUNDS POISONED AT MANCHESTER.

London, Sept. 1. A sensation has been caused at Manchester, the home of greyhound racing, by a report that six greyhounds at the Belle Vue track have been found poisoned in their kennels, including Tall Oak, one of the most famous in the country. No official statement has been issued, but the police are investigating.

Only Tall Oak is dead. The others are recovering. Detectives are patrolling the kennels.—*Reuter.*

### INTERPORT FOOTBALL.

PROSPECTS OF SINGAPORE VISIT.

Some months ago very preliminary enquiries were made as to the possibility of a Singapore touring side being able to visit Hongkong for a few days for a couple of matches under the auspices of the Hongkong F.A. The Hongkong F.A. have now replied welcoming the Singapore players on a tour during November; accepting the team as their guests and presumably expenses would be paid.

Whether the trip will be possible or what the General Council's views on the matter are remains to be seen. About ten days would be the limit of the tour and with a mixed team the proposition should not be impossible.

### HOME GOLF TOURNEY.

E. WHITCOMBE BRILLIANT.

London, Sept. 1.

At Barnet, in the 96-holes qualifying competition for the News of the World £1,040 tournament, the leaders in the southern section, headed by Ernest Whitcombe, with 71 and 68, respectively equalling and breaking the course record.

Other qualifiers are: Braid, 71 and 72. Wooler, of Hollingbury, 72 and 71.

Oke, of Fulwell, 74 and 70. Charles Whitcombe, 74 and 70. Cotton, 71 and 72.

Ray and Smith, of Wentworth, totalled 146. Duncan, 148, and Vardon 150.

The most notable failures were Havers, with 151, and J. H. Taylor, with 156.—*Reuter.*

### HOME FOOTBALL.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

London, Sept. 1. The following are results of matches in the English Football League played to-day:

First Divn.  
West Ham 2, Sunderland 4.  
Third Divn. (South).  
Newport 3, Brighton 1.  
Queen's Park 3, Gillingham 3.—*Reuter.*

### SINGAPORE'S URGENT NEED.

AMBULANCE SERVICE WANTED.

The urgent need of an efficient ambulance service for Singapore was further stressed by the Coroner, Lieut. Col. Hope-Falkner, on Friday last, at an inquest on a Chinese, who was conveyed to hospital in a ricksha after a fall from a scaffolding at Pearl's Hill. The man fell while at work on a Pearl's Hill building.

In returning a verdict of death by misadventure, the Coroner stated that the authorities were not responsible for the conveyance of the patient to hospital by ricksha.

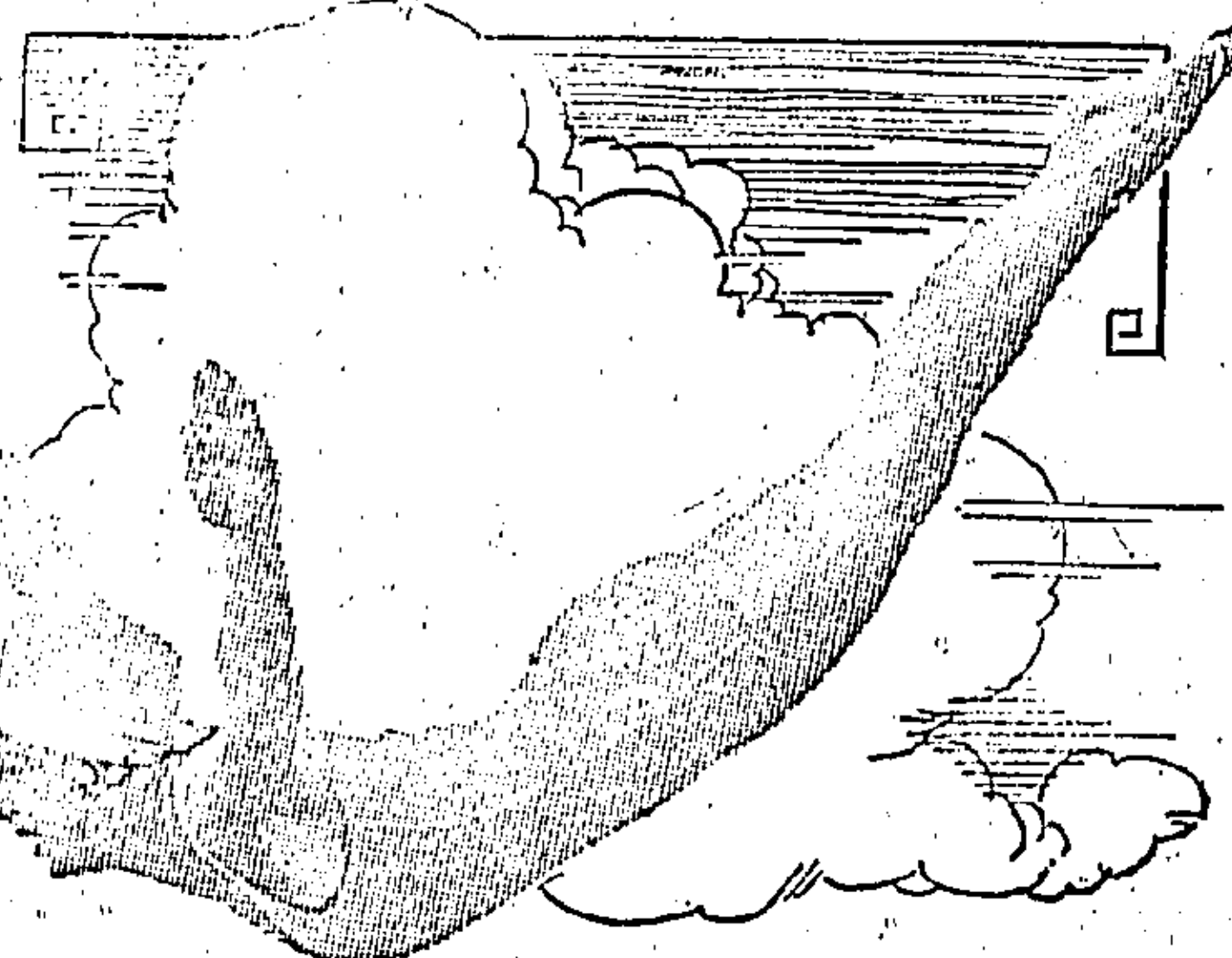
Heavily Handicapped.

The Coroner referred to the fact that he must have suffered intolerable agony while he was being handed in and out of the ricksha by unskilled individuals and jolted along the roads in a sitting position. His chances of recovery were certainly reduced by such rough handling.

"The surgeon who attempts to save life," the Coroner proceeded, "is heavily handicapped thereby. This class of case once more illustrates the urgent need of an efficient ambulance service in Singapore. Part of its duty will be to instruct the public what not to do in cases like the above."

### SWIMMING SIMPLIFIED.

THREE DISTINCT STEPS ARE SEEN IN MAKING THE SWAN DIVE.



The swan dive is one of the dives that form the foundation of the diver-to-be.

The swan dive consists of three important factors, namely the take off, form in the air, and entry in the water.

The take off must be smooth and lively, using at least three steps, the last being a jump. Then swing the arms from a position extended even with the shoulders, downward and upward in front of the body into the swan position. This arm action helps the diver in attaining height.

When leaving the board upward and outward, the body must be rigid and graceful. All movements must be easy and feel natural.

The back should be well arched, head up, arms extended to the sides parallel with the shoulders, ankles together and the toes well pointed.

Just before entering the water the arms are brought above the head with fingers rigid. Keep the body rigid till the dive is completed.

## "TELEGRAPH" FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY FOR EASY FORECASTS.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English and Scottish Football League matches (to be played on Saturday next, September 3rd.) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

Read the Rules below and follow them carefully:—

### Rules of Competition.

1. All forecasts must be contained on coupons cut from the "Hongkong Telegraph," the name of address of the entrant to be plainly printed in block letters in ink.

2. All envelopes must be addressed to the "Hongkong Telegraph," 1/3, Wyndham Street, and marked "Football Competition" on the front, with sender's name (without address) on the back.

3. Any number of attempts may be sent in, but a separate coupon must be used for each attempt.

4. The prize of \$50 will be awarded to the competitor who sends in twelve correct forecasts on one coupon. If there is no correct forecast of all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be awarded to the competitor who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts on one coupon. In the event of more than one competitor forwarding an equal winning number of forecasts, the \$25 will be divided equally between such competitors. No competitor, however, will be entitled to more than one share of the prize.

5. All forecast coupons must reach the "Telegraph" office not later than 12 o'clock (noon) on Saturdays. Coupons received after that time will be disqualified.

6. The results of each week's Competition will be announced in the "Telegraph" of the Fridays following the dates on which the matches are played.

7. Competitors who have forwarded eight or more correct forecasts must send in claims for the prize. Envelopes containing such claims must be marked "Football Claim" and must reach this office not later than the Wednesday following the dates on which the matches are played, failing which they will not be considered. No prize will be awarded for which a claim has not been made.

8. The "Telegraph" will accept no responsibility for the loss or non-delivery of coupons. No correspondence or interviews will be entered into concerning this Competition.

9. No match contained in the coupon which, from any cause, is not played to a finish will be counted.

10. No member of the "Telegraph" staff will be permitted to compete in this competition.

11. The Editor's decision must be accepted as final on all points in dispute in connection with the Competition.

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Strike out the teams which you think will lose, but make no marks in respect of matches which you think will be drawn.

If you forecast eight or more results correctly on one coupon, don't forget to make a claim not later than the Wednesday following. Watch the "Telegraph" on Fridays for results.

### FLIGHT TO AUSTRALIA.

MR. ROOKE TO RESUME IN NEW PLANE.

Calcutta, Aug. 26. Mr. Dennis Rooke, the airman, was brought to hospital in Calcutta from Aurangabad yesterday, still suffering from shock due to his recent crash, but no bones are broken and an operation is not needed.

Interviewed, he said he was insured against a plane crash. Provided the company got a new plane out quickly and assembled in time, he hoped to start again at the middle of end of October, and reach Australia in ten days. He was uncertain whether he would make for Port Darwin or Wyndham.

### ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIND.

BUDDHAS OF 6TH CENTURY.

Archaeologists are interested in some discoveries which have been made at a place not far from Bangkok, about half a day's journey by train. A Chinese clearing land struck a stone, prized it up and found several images of the Buddha in bronze, one of which is considered as belonging to the 6th century. The greatest find was that of a bronze work in the shape of a Green oil lamp. One end is fashioned in a design of peacocks' tails with feathers spread out. The lid represents a head of Bacchus or Silenus, with a vine branch in the hair. It is certain the lamp was not made in Siam. Experts think it may have been made in India at a time when Hellenistic influence was still prevalent, or it may have come from some western country—Asia Minor perhaps. The lamp has been shown to the King, who was much interested in the Archaeological section of the Royal Institute to proceed carefully with excavation work in the neighbourhood, with a view to laying the whole site bare. Among other articles already discovered were skulls belonging to a people who certainly do not inhabit these lands to-day. One skull in perfect condition, even to the teeth, was promptly broken up on discovery, and converted into charms for sale to a credulous peasantry.

Mr. Rooke spoke of the difficulties of flying during the monsoon in India. He said in some parts, especially, Cawnpore, owing to rain the ground was invisible at a height of 70 feet.

The flight from England was surprisingly easy. He reached Karachi in fifteen days, and if it had not been for engine, petrol or oil trouble he could have done it in seven days. He paid a tribute to the help received from the Air Force and military and civilian authorities in India.

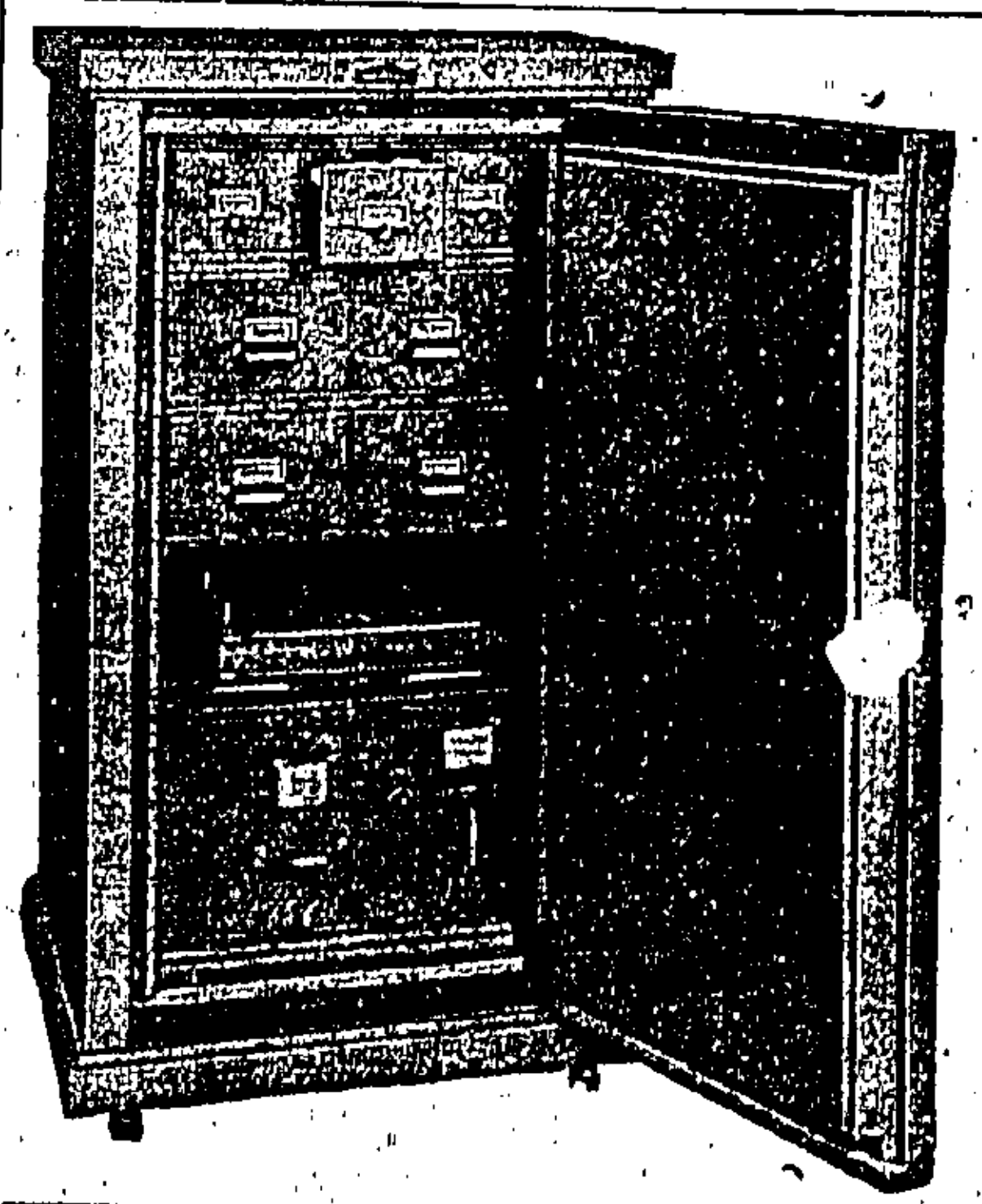
Mr. Rooke denied the report that the plane was named Marjorie after his fiancée and said he was not engaged.

Bangkok, Aug. 25.—The British Minister is proceeding to Java next month, and will be staying with Sir Hugh Clifford when in Singapore. He is due in Penang from Belawan on October 18, bound for Bangkok.

The Lancashire and Yorkshire holiday season was in full swing in mail week, and people from Halifax, Preston, Bradford, El-lan, Huddersfield, Royton, So-werby Bridge, and Bury left for the seaside, carrying more than £1,000,000. At Bradford £70,000 was being distributed by holiday clubs—£8,000 at Manningham Mill—and £130,000 at Preston, which is £20,000 more than last year. The Co-Operative Bank was to pay out about £50,000 and the Preston Savings Bank £45,000. Seventeen special trains were run to Blackpool.

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## COLONY'S BUDGET FOR 1928.

## NO NEW BURDENS IMPOSED ON COMMUNITY.

## STRIKING SPEECH BY H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

## ECONOMY AND OPTIMISM.

The Budget was introduced into the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon when His Excellency the Governor prefaced the Budget Speech made by the Colonial Secretary by a comprehensive review of the Colony's financial history, during the past thirty years. His Excellency explained how there had been three setbacks to the steady expansion of the colonial revenue, and referring to the boycott said in one way it did good, uniting the Chinese and European communities of the Colony in a fixed determination to destroy the menace of Bolshevism and to root out communism. Hongkong was a marvellous exemplification of the results which could be achieved when Britons and Chinese collaborated in the development of a country. Such collaboration had done wonders for the Far East in years gone by, and he was sure the future held better things in store.

Economy and optimism were the keynotes of the Budget Speech made by the Colonial Secretary. He said the Budget had been framed on the most conservative lines possible. Economy had been their watchword. The speech revealed that only two small changes in sources of revenue are contemplated. Fees at certain schools are to be slightly increased and there is an increase also on Survey fees for steamers and steam launches.

Concluding his speech the Colonial Secretary said: "There may be disappointment that it is not intended to proceed with such eminently attractive and popular public works as the schemes for improved bathing beaches, but as I made evident at the beginning of my speech the present time is not one for embarking on anything that is not absolutely essential."

## GOVERNMENT TO FIGHT MALARIA.

H. E. The Governor said: "Honourable Members of the Legislative Council.—When framing the Colony's budget for a future year, it is always wise to look back over the past, in order to estimate the stability of our financial position, to measure the rate of colonial progress and development, and thereby to get an insight (if possible) into what the coming years have in store for us."

Such retrospect is valuable even in normal times; but, when times are abnormal, when the Colony has been subjected to special storm and strain, when China—of which Hongkong is geographically speaking a part—has been swept by Bolshevism and devastated by civil war, and when an end of the chaos and anarchy now unhappily prevalent in the Eighteen Provinces is not yet in sight, retrospect becomes essential and must be carried further into the past than usual.

On this occasion, therefore, as a preface to the introduction of next year's budget, by the Colonial Secretary, I propose briefly to review the Colony's financial history for the past thirty years, from 1897 to 1926, both years included.

Chronologists reckon thirty years to be a generation, and thirty years in question do in fact coincide with the service in Hongkong of several official members now seated at this Council table. They coincide very nearly with the period of my own experience of Hongkong; and there are also unofficial members of this Council who have had personal knowledge of Hongkong throughout these years.

I have, however, chosen this period mainly for three other reasons, the first being that it is practically co-extensive with the time during which the New Territories have formed part of the Colony, the second being that 1900 was the Boxer year and that useful lessons may be drawn from a comparison of conditions in the Colony then and now, and the third being that at the commencement of this period our 1893 loan had been fully expended and that since then the Colony's development has been financed almost entirely from annual revenue.

## An Eightfold Increase.

Thirty years ago, on the 1st January, 1897, the Colony's surplus balances amounted to \$548,964. The revenue of the Colony collected during 1897 was \$2,686,314 and the expenditure was \$2,641,400. The total civil population of the Colony in that year was estimated to be 243,565 souls; the total shipping engaged in foreign trade entered and cleared at Hongkong, excluding junks, was 12,124,599 tons and of this total, 67 per cent. was British.

It is interesting to place in immediate juxtaposition the figures for last year. On the 1st January, 1926, the Colony's surplus balances amounted to \$113,482. The revenue collected during 1926 was \$21,131,681 and the expenditure was \$22,524,715. The total civil population of the Colony was estimated to be 874,420 souls; the total shipping engaged in foreign trade entered and cleared at Hongkong, excluding junks, was 26,983,190 tons and of this total 54 per cent. was British.

means confined to Hongkong, but it was aggravated here by the disturbed state of the neighbouring province of Kwangtung and of China generally.

Eventually, however, this very state of chaos and anarchy in China reacted beneficially upon the revenues of Hongkong, because the Chinese realized that this Colony afforded a safe refuge from the storm and they, therefore, became anxious in increasing numbers to find some foothold within it. There followed a land-boom in Hongkong and Kowloon, and the recent statistics of the revenue of this Colony from land-sales are so significant that I give them in full:

| Revenue from Land.           |            |
|------------------------------|------------|
| 1919 Revenue from land-sales | \$ 263,900 |
| 1920 revenue from land-sales | 556,349    |
| 1921 revenue from land-sales | 1,634,098  |
| 1922 revenue from land-sales | 2,721,804  |
| 1923 revenue from land-sales | 3,488,797  |
| 1924 revenue from land-sales | 1,909,236  |
| 1925 revenue from land-sales | 570,243    |
| 1926 revenue from land-sales | 285,342    |

We were, therefore, last year back against the pre-war figures of 1919; but at the height of the boom, during 1923, the Colony derived more money from land sales alone than the amount of its total annual revenue prior to the beginning of this century.

## The Bolshevik Menace.

The land-boom was already on the decline, when Bolshevik intrigue launched against this Colony the anti-British boycott which began in June, 1925. It is interesting in retrospect to observe how little injury that boy did to Hongkong. In one way it even did good, for it united the Chinese and European communities of this Colony, as they had never been united before, in a fixed determination to destroy the menace of Bolshevism and to root out Communism from among us.

I venture to believe that the same determination now animates the Government of the Kwangtung Province and I hope, therefore, that it may not be long before the old spirit of friendship and co-operation will again prevail between Hongkong and Canton to our mutual advantage.

In considering the stability of our financial position it is, of course, necessary to examine the principal sources from which our revenue is derived, and in this respect also a comparison between the years 1897 and 1926 is full of interest. Such a comparison has been made in detail in the sessional paper to which I have already referred.

## Sources of Revenue.

I need, therefore, only deal with the chief items and my task is simplified by the fact that of last year's total revenue 77.7 per cent. was derived from no more than fifteen sources, the figures for which I have tabulated for convenience's sake side by side with the corresponding figures for the year 1897.

| Heads of Revenue.                                          |            | 1926.     | 1897. |
|------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------|-------|
| Assessed taxes                                             | 3,636,668  | 429,136   |       |
| Stamp duties                                               | 2,928,339  | 252,216   |       |
| Opium monopoly                                             | 2,831,305  | 286,000   |       |
| Tobacco duties                                             | 1,835,345  |           |       |
| Liquor duties                                              | 1,186,313  |           |       |
| Postage                                                    | 698,407    | 268,616   |       |
| Crown rent of leased lands (including the New Territories) | 664,105    | 241,798   |       |
| Railway                                                    | 538,045    |           |       |
| Water supply                                               | 471,679    | 110,047   |       |
| Electricity                                                | 392,898    | 67,136    |       |
| Land sales                                                 | 285,342    | 224,500   |       |
| Kowloon West Ferry licence                                 | 247,130    |           |       |
| Carriage, chair, etc., licences                            | 240,155    | 43,323    |       |
| Interest                                                   | 237,414    | 4,570     |       |
| Markets                                                    | 232,594    | 70,519    |       |
| Total                                                      | 10,428,770 | 1,997,867 |       |

## \*Exclusive of New Territories.

In 1897 there was no railway, nor was there a Kowloon West Ferry. Liquor duties were first imposed in 1909 and tobacco duties in 1916. So these four sources of revenue did not exist in 1897. Nevertheless the remaining eleven items produced 74.3 per cent. of that year's income and were, therefore, then as now, the principal foundations of the Colony's financial structure. A scrutiny of these heads of revenue shows that each one of them is sound. Objection might perhaps be taken in some quarters to the revenue derived by the Colony from opium, which is now 13.3 per cent. of our total income and was 10.6 per cent. of the total in 1897, thus showing at first sight a relative increase.

## Opium Prohibition.

But, whereas in 1897 the sale of opium in Hongkong was farmed out by the Government to a Chinese syndicate, there has since 1914 been a Government monopoly, which is run with a view to control of the traffic rather than to profit.

Therefore, in order to arrive at a just comparison, it is necessary

to deduct from last year's opium revenue the cost of manufacture, namely \$690,913; and the remaining \$2,140,892 can then properly be compared with the net revenue of \$285,000 derived by this Government from opium in 1897.

So it results that the Colony's opium revenue last year was 10.1 per cent. of our total income, while in 1897 it was 10.6 per cent., and the apparent relative increase vanishes. Moreover, this Government is very willing to prohibit the consumption of opium in the Colony and to forego its revenue from this source as soon as the production and consumption of opium in China are suppressed. Until then prohibition is not a practical proposition in Hongkong, and all we can do is to keep the price high enough to make opium a luxury and yet not so high as further to encourage smuggling.

## The Colony's Population.

Turning now to the statistics of the Colony's population, it is necessary first of all to observe that these figures have by no means the same degree of accuracy as the financial returns. There was a census in 1901, in 1911 and 1921; but for the intervening years the total civil population is only an estimate based upon the excess of births over deaths and of immigration over emigration.

Towards the end of an inter-censal period these figures are apt to be wide of the mark, and this fact no doubt accounts for the sharp rises in 1911 and 1921, when the previous estimates were suddenly corrected by actual enumeration. The full figures are given in the sessional paper No. 4 of 1927, to which I have already referred. The figures for the census years are:

|                             |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| 1901 total civil population | 290,124 |
| 1911 do.                    | 454,277 |
| 1921 do.                    | 686,680 |

Consequently the rate of increase in the population during the first decade was 60 per cent. and during the second decade 47 per cent. We are now in the middle of an inter-censal period and it is difficult to say what degree of reliance can be placed on the estimate of 874,420 souls as the total civil population of the year 1926. But it is certain that our population is larger now than in 1921, and I shall be much surprised if the 1931 census does not again reveal a very appreciable increase in the Colony's population.

## Hongkong Shipping.

It is, of course, the harbour of Hongkong and its shipping which has made the greatness of Hongkong. In this respect also the progress achieved during the past thirty years is wonderful and shows a remarkable continuity. In 1897 the total number of ships engaged in foreign trade entered and cleared at Hongkong was 9,944 with a total displacement of 12,124,599 tons.

Statistics of the total tonnage of all kinds entered and cleared are unfortunately not available for that year; but in 1902, the first year in which these figures were recorded, a total of 21,333,566 tons of shipping of all kinds entered and cleared at Hongkong. By 1924 the total tonnage of all kinds, entered and cleared, had reached the record figure of 56,731,077 tons. In that year 30,240 ships engaged in foreign trade other than junks entered and cleared at Hongkong, and their aggregate displacement was 35,471,671 tons. It is interesting to compare the shipping statistics of London and New York for that year. The details are given in sessional paper No. 4 of 1927, but the result can be shown at a glance as follows:

| Ports.   | Total tonnage of all kinds. | Foreign going tonnage excluding junks. |
|----------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Hongkong | 56,731,077                  | 35,471,671                             |
| London   | 47,064,975                  | 32,557,466                             |
| New York | 40,522,593                  | 37,773,000                             |

## One of the Greatest Ports.

Indisputably, therefore, Hongkong is one of the greatest shipping ports in the world; and, although the anti-British boycott of 1925 and 1926 caused a decrease in the number and tonnage of the shipping entering and cleared at Hongkong, there is every reason to believe that this set-back is only temporary and that a rapid recovery will be made as soon as normal trading conditions in China can be restored.

The achievement of Hongkong in financing its amazing development during the past thirty years by means of its annual revenue, and without recourse to borrowing, is unexcelled in any part of the British Empire. In 1893 the Colony raised a loan of £200,000 at 3½ per cent. interest and spent it chiefly on water-works and on re-surveying insensate properties at Tai-ping-shan. By 1898 the whole of this loan had been expended.

Since then all public works in the Colony, both ordinary and extraordinary, have been paid for from current revenue, with the exception of the construction of the British section of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, which was financed by a sterling loan raised in 1906.

It is worth while to pause a minute and to reflect what this means. It means that the whole of the deve-

lopment in the Kowloon peninsula has been paid for from current revenue. This development has been nothing less than the transformation of a rural district into a large modern town, where in years to come it is not unlikely that a million or more persons will reside.

## Kowloon Development.

This town has been provided with an ample water supply, with a splendid road system, with drainage, with a hospital, with fine police stations at Yau-matli, Shamshuipo and Kowloon City and with a break-water and typhoon shelter at Mong-ko-tsui. All public works in the New Territories, except the railway, have been paid for out of current revenue.

In broad outline this means that, without raising any loan, we have made a detailed cadastral and contour survey of the New Territories, showing every paddy field and every house contained therein; we have built the Tai-po Road and the road via Castle Peak to Fanling and across to Shatin; we have erected all the police stations and public buildings in the New Territories; we have extended the Government telephone system throughout the Territories; we have made the Shamshuipo reclamation and materially assisted in the Kowloon Tong Development Scheme.

## On the Island.

Meanwhile on Hongkong Island itself we have constructed a system of first class motor-roads. We have built the magnificent Tytanuk waterworks. We have participated in the original Praya Reclamation and the Praya East reclamation. We have done much drainage and harbour dredging work. We have built the Wireless Station at Cape d'Aguilar, the Blake Pier and the Queen's Pier.

We have also erected a large number of excellent and spacious buildings, chief among which are the Supreme Court, the Post Office Building, with the Government Offices therein, the Fire Brigade Station with the Government Offices therein, the King's College, the Victoria Hospital extension, the Bacteriological Institute, the Central Police Station, the new Magistracy, the Harbour Office and the Western Market. The donation of £250,000 towards the cost of the Imperial Naval Base at Singapore was also made without recourse to borrowing.

## The Loan Position.

The present position with regard to the Colony's loans is satisfactory and can be summarized in a few words.

(a) In 1887 the Hongkong Government raised a 4 per cent. loan of £200,000 for the purpose of constructing various public works. Of this loan a sum of £60,000 had been repaid by 1893 and the balance, namely £140,000, was in that year converted into 3½ per cent. inscribed stock and amalgamated with the additional loan of £200,000 then raised. When, in 1906, the Hongkong Government floated a further 3½ per cent. loan for the construction of the British Section of Kowloon-Canton Railway, this loan also was amalgamated with the Colony's previous loan. The total of loans thus became £1,485,733; and with a view to repayment, annual contributions of 1 per cent. are made to a sinking fund, which at the close of last year amounted to £532,787. This loan is due to be paid off in April, 1933.

(b) During the Great War a local loan of \$3,000,000 was raised by the Hongkong Government as a contribution to the Imperial Government on account of the mother country's war expenditure. This loan bears interest at 6 per cent. per annum and is in process of liquidation. By the 1st May this year \$2,100,000 had been repaid and arrangements have been made to repay the outstanding \$900,000 on the 1st November, next. No call will be made on the current year's revenue for this purpose, as the sinking fund will more than suffice. This liability will, therefore, soon disappear.

## The Trade Loan.

(c) The only other loan now outstanding is the Trade Loan, raised in 1925 to alleviate commercial difficulties due to the anti-British boycott. Sums totalling \$15,624,688 were granted under this scheme and nearly a third of this total has already been repaid. The amount now outstanding is \$10,936,958. We have thus been able to repay £380,000 of the original loan of £1,800,000, which was floated in London to finance the scheme; and as we recover money from local borrowers, it is applied to reduction of our sterling liability. The interest paid by local borrowers more than covers the interest due by this Government in respect of the loan, which therefore throws no burden on the general taxpayer.

At the opening of this year, in spite of heavy expenditure on extraordinary public works and notwithstanding the anti-British boycott, the Colony still had a surplus balance of \$2,486,290, which a sum of about \$1,400,000 can be regarded as liquid assets

realizable for current expenditure. It is a splendid record and may well inspire us with confidence and give pause to those who talk wildly of making Hongkong once again "the barren island" it was before the Treaty of Nanking.

## No Halt in Development.

Gentlemen, we have no intention of calling any halt in the development of Hongkong. On the contrary, we have it in mind to make further progress by constructing an aerodrome, which will enable us to participate in the world-wide development of commercial aviation, by further improving our water supply to meet the needs of our increasing population and by dredging the harbour, where necessary, to a greater depth.

But we think that future generations of colonists, who will benefit from the schemes now initiated, ought to share with us in the cost. We propose, therefore, soon to raise a loan by means of which to finance these new schemes; and if, as I for one fully expect, the future progress of Hongkong is such as to rival its progress in the past, the burden of the interest and sinking fund on the new loan will not weigh heavily on the community.

## Confidence in Future.

The stability of our financial position has been amply tested by the events of the past thirty years. At the beginning of that period the Boxer year came and went without any check to the Colony's progress. The Russo-Japanese War of 1904-5 did not disturb local development in Hongkong. Even the Chinese Revolution of 1911, followed by the Great War of 1914-18, and succeeded by disastrous years of civil war in China, continuing to this day, has not impeded the advance of this Colony, which finds itself stronger now than when the cataclysm began.

We have, therefore, every right to look into the future with perfect confidence. This is a marvellous exemplification of the results which can be achieved when Britons and Chinese collaborate in the development of a country. Such collaboration has done wonders for the Far East in years gone by and I am quite sure that the future holds even better things in store. (Applause.)

## The Hon. Colonial Secretary.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary said: Your Excellency: In accordance with your instructions I rise to move the first reading of a Bill intitled "an Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding seventeen million four hundred and fifty thousand one hundred and three dollars to the Public Service of the year 1928." I would once again remind Honourable Members that the total estimated expenditure as shown in the printed estimates exceeds the total shown in the Bill by the amount of Military Contribution and Public Debt Charges.

The last two years have been difficult years for the Colony, but as Your Excellency has just pointed out in the historical retrospect which must have been of great interest to Honourable Members, this is not the first time that it has experienced, not a set back, but a halt in its progress. I share Your Excellency's confidence and I am sure Honourable Members do so too; that it will not be long before we are not only back where we were prior to the outbreak of the strike and boycott, but advancing far beyond.

But until that time comes we must be content to hold firmly on to what we have got, and to restrain ourselves from any undertakings which would jeopardize our financial stability when we wish to take the next big step forward.

## Economy the Watchword.

Consequently the present budget has been framed on the most conservative lines possible. Economy has been our watchword in framing it, and however much we may have wished to proceed with eminently desirable works, we have decided that for the present we must cut our coat according to our cloth, and I am afraid it has resulted in a somewhat tight fit.

In accordance with our policy of maintaining our estate and a very fine estate it is at the highest possible efficiency we have left our Administrative and Protective Services at full strength, and have even increased them in some minor particulars e.g. in the Harbour, Police and Medical Departments and in the Defence Corps; and we have allowed a small increase for education, a matter of great importance, and in Public Works Recurrent Votes for maintenance.

There is a reduction of nearly \$32,000 in Public Works Department Personal Emoluments. After providing for the full maintenance of all the essential services we were left with a certain sum of money for Public Works Extraordinary and the first items to be provided for were those works in progress which could not be abandoned or delayed without serious loss. The small sum of

money left after provision had been made for these works has been devoted to some of the most urgent of the minor works which are awaiting attention.

## No Additional Burdens.

It would of course be possible to increase taxation and so to raise sufficient money to pay for some of the works we have felt obliged to postpone. But it would be unwise to lay additional burdens on the community just when trade is beginning to pick up. It must be our first duty to foster that recovery, by every means in our power. Consequently with two small exceptions to which I shall refer later it is not proposed to alter any of the existing sources of revenue.

We have not however overlooked the possibility of proceeding with works of development by means of a loan and I shall at a later point in our proceedings this afternoon move the first reading of a Bill authorizing the provision for a loan of \$5,000,000 to carry out the Shing Mun Water Scheme, the Harbour Dredging and the Colony's share of the Kai Tak Aerodrome. It must be remembered however that nearly \$2,000,000 of this amount is required to pay back to our balances sums already expended on the waterworks scheme. This sum is expected to be available before the end of this year and is duly taken into account in considering the money available for expenditure next year.

## General Financial Position.

Before proceeding with the details of the budget I propose to deal briefly with the general financial position of the Colony, and in this connexion I would ask Honourable Members to refer to my remarks when introducing the Supplementary Supply Bill for 1926 on 23rd June last. We started this year with a Surplus Balance of \$3,486,290 of which we regarded \$1,400,000 as liquid assets. We budgeted for a deficit of \$1,307,305 to be met from the surplus balance. The Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the current year have been carefully revised and are shown on pages 5 to 12 of the draft Estimates now in Honourable Members' hands.

It will be seen that we anticipate a shortfall of revenue of nearly \$500,000 and an under expenditure of some \$730,000. Since the figures were printed it has been decided to charge to revenue instead of to the loan the cost of the old site of the Diocesan Boys' School, viz. \$233,500 which will reduce our under expenditure to \$476,544 and leave us with an estimated deficit on this year's working of \$1,202,237 to be met from our estimated liquid balance of \$1,400,000.

## Liquor Duties Disappoint.

We might therefore have expected that we should have to commence next year with a surplus balance of \$2,184,033 of which only some \$97,000 would be liquid and available. As it happens however more of our balances have become liquid during the current year and there should be at least \$500,000 available for expenditure at the end of this year without taking into account repayments from loan. To this will have been added before the end of the year the sum of \$1,916,406 expended from revenue on the Shing Mun Scheme and reimbursed from the loan. We therefore expect to start the year 1928 with a Surplus of Assets over Liabilities of \$4,100,439 and liquid balances of \$2,416,406.

Revenue for the present year has not come in quite as well as we hoped. The new Liquor Duties have not come up to expectations and the total liquor duties show an estimated shortfall of \$350,000. Opium Revenue shows a shortage of \$200,000, Stamp Duties of \$300,000 and Land Sales of \$200,000.

While the last two no doubt reflect the fact that trade conditions, though certainly improving, are still far from normal, the first two which ought to have shown increases owing to the increased population can only be explained by the extensive smuggling, which we know goes on in spite of all our efforts, to prevent it.

## What of the Future?

In view of the shortage this year we have not felt justified in estimating our revenue for next year at more than \$20,108,390, approximately four lakhs less than the revised estimate for this year, which has been raised by certain windfalls in the way of interest and miscellaneous receipts on which we cannot rely next year.

Expenditure is estimated at \$22,183,045. This is \$131,657 less than the original estimate for this year and \$598,387 more than the revised estimate. Estimated expenditure for next year exceeds the estimated revenue by \$2,079,655 to meet which we expect to have liquid balances of \$2,416,406 available at the end of this year.

It may be asked what of the future, what is to be done if revenue does not markedly improve during the next few years.

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## COLONY'S BUDGET IN 1928.

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We have been living for some years on our accumulated surpluses which we are consuming at a rate which is certainly more rapid than we like, but it must be remembered that with practically no additional taxation we are carrying the burden of a programme of works undertaken in the spacious days of an overhanging exchequer.

Liquid Balances.

Liquid balances we shall have to rely on revenue alone for any Public Works Extraordinary which are not chargeable to loans, and unless our revenue increases, or by increase in taxation, we shall have to be content with a much smaller annual expenditure on Public Works Extraordinary than has been usual in the last few years.

No longer shall we be able, as in the days of plenty, to assist enterprising bodies in their schemes for development, however admirable, with advances from the public purse.

The fact that we have an item in our assets of over \$1,500,000 locked up in Building Loans to private bodies and individuals is some indication of the measure of our past assistance by way of advances. This money we now require, as soon as we can recover it, for works of public utility.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies has therefore requested that a warning be issued to the effect that Government will not for the present be able to entertain appeals for financial help from private or semi-public bodies, who must restrict any schemes or projects they have in view to the amount they can raise from other than Governmental sources.

Source of Revenue Changes.

There are only two changes contemplated in the sources of revenue next year. One is a small increase in school fees at certain schools, which will bring Government fees more into line with private school fees. This is expected to bring in about \$60,000 and cannot be considered a serious burden. Notice of this increase was given in June last.

The other is an increase of survey fees for steamships and launch launches. As is well known to Honourable Members the Government is as anxious as any one to maintain the attractiveness of our splendid harbour and it will be found that we have provided for a very considerable increase of expenditure on the Harbour Department with that aim in view.

As a means of recouping ourselves for some of that expenditure we have felt justified in raising some of our survey fees to bring in an additional sum estimated at \$32,000. The matter is of such interest and importance that a sessional paper has been prepared and laid before Honourable Members to-day, fully explaining the proposals and I trust justifying both the expenditure and the increase of the fees.

### The New Loan.

Before leaving revenue I should like to make a few remarks concerning the loan which is proposed shortly to float in Hongkong, and the works which it is proposed to finance from it. The total amount of the loan is to be \$5,000,000 at 6%. Of this total \$3,500,000 is provisionally allocated for water works of which the Shing Mun Scheme is likely to absorb just over \$3,100,000 according to the latest figures I have available. \$1,000,000 is provisionally allocated for the Harbour Dredging and the Colony's share of the Kai Tak Aerodrome and the remaining \$500,000 is unallocated.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies has proposed that the Imperial Government shall bear three quarters of the cost of the Aerodrome and the Colony one quarter, but the matter has not yet been finally decided by His Majesty's Government. If that proportion should be adopted the cost to the Colony according to the latest figures available would be \$602,700 for Dredging and \$594,500 for Kai Tak Aerodrome, and it will be necessary to draw on the unallocated funds of the loan to the extent of \$197,200.

It is proposed to raise \$3,000,000 of the total loan in November next. While dealing with loan works I would observe that it had been intended to issue in time for to-day's meeting sessional papers on the proposed Aberdeen Reservoir, on the Vehicular Ferry Scheme and on the New General Civil Hospital Scheme, but our Engineers were very fully occupied earlier in the year with work for the Military in connexion with the arrival of that part of the Shanghai Defence Force which is stationed here, and it has

not been found possible to complete the investigations in time. The sessional papers will be issued at a later date.

### Decreases and Increases.

I would invite the attention of Honourable Members to Appendix V in the Draft Estimates, which gives a statement of the position of the 1925 Trade Loan. This of course has nothing to do with the budget, but it is published for information in what is considered a convenient place.

Turning now to expenditure, the total estimate is \$22,138,045. There is a decrease in Public Works Extraordinary of \$11,239,100. This however, is offset by an increase of \$130,638 for Military Contribution and \$158,076 for Pensions, neither of which can we regulate at will. Other large increases are \$247,181 for Miscellaneous Services, \$162,401 for the Harbour Department and \$185,625 for the Police Department. The more important decreases and increases are the following:—

### Cadet Service.

Provision has been made for one more cadet who will be necessary to keep the cadre up to strength.

### Senior Clerical and Accounting Staff.

Altogether there are three new posts under this head. One Class II post for the Registry of the Supreme Court; recent experience has shown that it is necessary to detail an officer specially to look after the accounting and financial work of the Supreme Court; one Class III post for the Marine Surveyor's Office; this is in connexion with the increase in staff of that office, and is referred to in the sessional paper on that subject; and one more Probationer.

Officers with special scales of salary different from those fixed for the various classes of the Senior Clerical Service have been grouped in the 1928 Estimates in a different way from the grouping shown in the 1927 Estimates. This involves no increase other than the stipulated increments.

### Junior Clerical Service.

The whole of the postal staff of the Junior Clerical Service has been transferred from this head to Head 11—Post Office. The reason this is that postal clerks unlike clerks in other departments are not ordinarily transferable, and depend for promotion on vacancies in the Post Office only, and not in the service as a whole.

The number of posts in the Higher Class and Classes I to III have been slightly increased, and the numbers in Classes IV and V correspondingly reduced. It was found that promotion to the higher classes was unduly slow, and that efficiency was liable to be affected in consequence, and it is proposed to work up gradually each year until a fixed ratio between the numbers in each class has been reached. The clerical staff in the Post Office will also be worked to the same proportions.

Additional posts are one Class IV Clerk for the Marital Research Officer, to whom I will refer when dealing with the Medical Department and four Class VI Clerks for the Colonial Secretary's Office, Education and Prisons Departments.

### Treasury.

The post of Assistant Crown Solicitor for this office is for the present in abeyance. An Assistant Crown Solicitor has been at the Treasury since November of last year and has done very good work in getting the system into working order, and it is hoped that next year it will be possible for an Assistant Crown Solicitor from the Crown Solicitor's Office spending half his time at the Treasury to cope with the work. It may be necessary in more flourishing times to consider the restoration of this post.

### Post Office.

The increase due almost entirely to the transfer of provision for the clerical staff from Head 4—Junior Clerical Service.

### Imports and Exports Dept.

Under personal emoluments provision is made for one more European Revenue Officer. The inadequacy of the present staff, which does not allow for an officer to be detailed exclusively for ship searching, has been aggravated by the reduction in the period qualifying for home leave from 4½ to 4 years. Provision has also been made for granting rent allowances to Chinese Senior Revenue Officers and 1st Class Revenue Officers of ten years service on the same basis as the grants to Chinese Sergeant Majors and 1st Class Constables respectively in the Police Force.

### Control of Distilleries.

\$3,000 has been inserted under Special Expenditure for the purchase of a motor car. This is required in connection with the control of distilleries. At present the train and motor bus have to be relied on, which involves much waste of time. A motor cycle and side car would not be suitable as it will be necessary to transport one European and two Chinese Revenue Officers, as well as bulky

materials and samples of spirit. Provision has also been made, but under the Harbour Department on page 26 of the printed Estimates, for a motor boat at a cost of \$7,000. A considerable amount of opium smuggling is done by junks and sampans on the Kowloon side of the harbour, where there is no definite water front as there is on this side of the harbour, and the occasional hiring of a launch has proved unsatisfactory, chiefly because it robs the raids and searches of the essential element of surprise.

### Harbour Department.

Apart from the increase in the staff of the Marine Surveyor's Office, to which I have already referred and which is fully dealt with in the sessional paper on the subject, there are only minor increases under personal emoluments. Provision is made for the crews of the two new launches and motor boat which it is proposed to build next year, and there is also inserted on page 30 of the printed Estimates one Boatswain for the Government slipway at Yau-mai.

All stores, etc., for Government launches are issued here, and it is anticipated that the appointment of this boatswain, whose duties will be largely that of a storeman, will more than pay for itself by the prevention of leakage of the stores.

Coal and oil fuel for launches and repairs, minor improvements, and stores for launches and boats are increased, with the greater number of craft. "Electric fans and light" has also been increased as the former offices of the Imports and Exports Department have been taken over by the Harbour Department.

A sum of \$25,000 has been inserted for the purchase of a new launch for the Boarding Officers. The number of Boarding Officers was increased from three to five this year, and there is available for them only one launch, which is quite inadequate for the work to be performed, particularly since the limits of the harbour have been extended to Lyemun Pass.

### New Launches.

The present motor launch H.D.5 is now quite unseaworthy for anything but a flat calm. She is to be tried for junk inspection work at Aberdeen where the water is calm, and must be replaced in the harbour.

The sum of \$40,000, with the supplementary vote of \$10,000 added, for the launch to replace the "Victoria" has been carried over to next year. The matter was fully discussed in Finance Committee and the work will be in progress this year but payment is not expected to fall due until 1928.

### The Fire Brigade.

A European Sub-Officer is substituted for an Inspection Officer. This will mean a slight saving as the salary of the former is less than that of the latter.

Clothing has been increased by \$3,500. The present material used is not satisfactory, and it is proposed to purchase "Wet Proof" material from England. This should prove much more durable, and so more economical in the long run.

\$10,500 has been inserted for the purchase of a light motor pump to replace a worn out machine.

### Attorney General.

In order to obviate the necessity of taking a supplementary vote in a small department, where there would not be sufficient savings to pay the salary of the officer acting for an officer on leave, it has been decided that where such liability can be foreseen provision shall be made in the Estimates. There is a case in point in this department.

### The Police Force.

There is a increase on this head of \$185,625, of which \$28,100 is accounted for by two launches. Under personal emoluments provision is made for one more European Sergeant, who will take the place of one European Lance Sergeant. Provision is, however, made for seven additional European Lance Sergeants, so that the Estimates show one additional Sergeant and six additional Lance Sergeants.

This increase has been very carefully considered by the Government, and has only been allowed because the Government is satisfied that it is necessary. One of the seven is required for the finger print and photography department, for which at present only one officer can be spared; the work is very much on the increase, and extra assistance is urgently required. One is needed for duty in the Pass Office to assist in keeping track of and rounding up undesirable aliens.

Of the remaining five, two are required for street duty in the Mongkok District, and three for the Kowloon City District, which embraces Kowloon Tong. Both these districts are expanding rapidly, and it is necessary that

they should be properly policed. The only other change in personal emoluments is the increase in the Indian contingent by forty-five posts, to balance the decrease of forty-five posts in the Wei Hai Wei contingent.

### Other Charges.

Under other charges, ammunition and clothing and accoutrements have been increased by \$4,000 and \$8,000 respectively to provide for the Police Reserve. Passages have had to be increased by \$5,000 to meet the increased cost due to the reduction of the qualifying period from 4½ to 4 years. Petrol, etc., is increased by \$1,500 owing to the formation of the Police Flying Squad. Rations for Indian Police have gone up with the increase in the strength of the Indian contingent.

Repairs to Police cars and cycles were under-estimated in previous years, and a supplementary vote for \$2,000 was taken last April. The vote has now been increased by \$2,500. A Secret Service has been reduced by \$2,500, the amount now inserted being considered sufficient.

### A Worn Out Launch.

One hundred rifles will be required for the Police Reserve, and provision has accordingly been made, under purchase of arms. A recurrent expenditure of \$2,500 which is required for spares and replacements has been transferred. One of the Police motor cars and three of the cycles require specially extensive repairs, and provision is accordingly made.

The harbour launch, \$25,000, is to replace No. 8 Launch, which was quite worn out, so much so that when the engines had been removed not more than \$200 could be obtained for the hull.

At the present moment therefore the Police are one launch short for harbour duty, which means that the remaining launches have to be run almost continuously night and day without adequate provision for overhaul and repair or actual breakdown.

The cruising launch is to replace the present No. 3 Launch formerly the "Shun Lee" which was only bought as a stop gap. The Government Marine Surveyor has reported that she is quite unseaworthy in anything but the most sheltered waters; consequently she is to all intents and purposes useless as a cruising launch. The new launch will be fitted with wireless and a 3 pound gun. The Indian beds, subhead 44, are for increased number of Indian Police.

### Medical Department.

As a result of the investigations and recommendations of the Naval Malaria Preventive Officer, Singapore, who visited Hongkong, in conjunction with the Medical and Sanitary Departments, it has been decided that the only really effective way, and at the same time the most economical way, of tackling the malaria problem in the Colony is to appoint a specially trained malarial research officer, with a small staff to assist him, to investigate and advise on the work to be undertaken.

At present the incidence of malarial fever in some parts of the Island and in the New Territories is very high; and it is largely due to the prevalence of malaria in districts such as Tai-po, Stanley and Shek O have not been developed as residential areas.

In view of the great progress which is being made in other parts of the world in combatting the ravages of malaria it is a standing reproach to this Colony that so little improvement has been made here. In spite of the need for economy we can no longer afford to neglect this all important problem and the first step necessary is to obtain expert advice on the best way of attaining our end.

### The Cost this Year.

I have been much interested to notice since the Estimates were printed that this subject has received considerable public attention as the result of a recent article on Malaria by a well known Medical Professor of the Hongkong University.

The annual cost for next year is estimated at just over \$20,000. This provides for the Research Officer at \$8,000, a European Inspector, six coolies for work in the field, \$2,000 for equipment, microscopes, etc., and \$5,000 for field works. As the investigations proceed it will probably be necessary in subsequent years to increase the amount provided for field works.

### Health Office Changes.

It has been decided that the Medical Officer of Health and the Assistant Medical Officers of Health should more properly appear under the Medical than under the Sanitary Department Estimates, though they will remain seconded to the latter department. Provision has been made for one more Assistant Medical Officer of Health. He will be required for work in rural districts both on the

main land and on the island.

It is not proposed that these districts shall be brought under the control of the Sanitary Board in the same way as the urban districts are; the officer's work will be more in the nature of educating and instructing the villagers in sanitation and hygiene. He will of course work in conjunction with the District Officers.

### The Hospitals.

With the opening of the new central medical store, a very necessary and long-needed provision to insure the economical use of valuable stores, it will be necessary to engage an additional assistant apothecary, and provision has accordingly been made.

It is intended to use the Victoria Hospital for men as well as for women. It is more suitable than the General Civil Hospital for Europeans and there is now sufficient accommodation.

To cope with the increased number of patients which this will entail provision has been made for two more Nursing Sisters. Probationer nurses have been increased by six posts. In time it is hoped that these Chinese nurses will be able to take the place of Europeans, and it is considered desirable that as many as possible should be trained.

Under other charges fuel and light has been increased by \$2,500. Previously this vote was under-estimated. Two of the votes of the Bacteriological Institute have been increased in order to meet the growing demand for vaccines and sera. The sale of these is of course a source of revenue to Government.

### Sanitary Department.

The scavenging at Aberdeen, Apichau, Stanley and Tytan which is at present done by a contractor is to be done departmentally on the expiration of the present contract at the end of this year. It is anticipated that the work will be much more efficiently done. Provision has been made for the extra staff required, which will cost \$3,356 next year.

Drivers of bullock carts have again been considerably reduced with the progress of the scheme of replacing bullock refuse carts by motor lorries. Purchase and maintenance of bullocks has for similar reasons been cut down to \$1,000. Motor lorries are proving most successful, and more economical than bullock carts.

The number of subheads under other charges has been reduced by amalgamating those which provided for similar services. This has enabled reductions to be made on many of the votes, and is also more convenient in working.

Provision is made for the purchase of one more motor refuse lorry, and for the fitting of solid tyres to all Sanitary Department lorries. Owing to the nature of their work, the use of pneumatic tyres has been found uneconomical.

### Botanical and Forestry.

There is an increase of nine gardeners, six of whom will be required to look after the extensive lawns surrounding the Kowloon Hospital, two for the nursery and propagating department and one for the General Civil Hospital.

### Education Department.

At present we are without King's College which is being used as a military hospital. It is however necessary that provision should be made for staffing it and running it in the event of the number of troops in the Colony being so reduced next year that they will not require King's College.

Six British mistresses on the temporary staff who were formerly paid from savings on personal emoluments are now included in the estimates. The teaching staffs of the Vernacular Middle School and the Normal School for Women have been increased by one English teacher at the former, and by three lecturers at the latter. Both these schools are proving very popular and are expanding.

Incidental expenses have been increased so as to provide uniforms for office attendants, messengers, and coolies in accordance with the recommendations of the Committee which investigated the matter. The same scale applies for all office staff throughout the service. Subheads "Students-in-training" have been reduced with the decrease in number of these students.

### Grants to Schools.

Coming now to grants and subsidies, Government may under the Grant Code make various grants to non-Government schools which fulfil certain conditions as regards buildings, the number of pupils entered for various examinations, etc. It has been the policy in the past for schools to regard these grants as almost automatic. It is however necessary to fix a limit to these increasing demands on the public purse.

Such sums as the Government considers equitable are provided in the Estimates, and it will be the duty of school managers to regulate their arrangements, in consultation with the Director of Education, that their requirements can be met from the sums provided. Unauthorized expansion involving claims beyond the amounts provided

will not be recognised by the Government as a legitimate charge on the Revenue.

The amounts now inserted in the Estimates have been scrutinized very carefully and will it is hoped prove adequate. It will be noticed that the sum for building grants has been reduced, and I invite the special attention of persons interested to the remarks I have made elsewhere on the inability of Government to subsidize schemes started without adequate financial provision.

The \$11,639 inserted for equipment for King's College includes gymnastic apparatus, physics and chemistry apparatus for 3rd year pupils, drawing models and a few minor items. Part of this sum will not be required until King's College is again available for educational purposes.

### Public Works Department.

There is a net reduction of \$31,677 on personal emoluments of the Public Works Department. Of the increases \$39,526 is for stipulated increments and \$19,987 for new posts. Of the decreases \$31,280 is accounted for by posts abolished and \$46,445 by posts left vacant. Posts have been abolished and omitted from the Estimates where it is felt that there is no likelihood of their being required in normal years.

Vacant posts are those which are regarded as necessary for the normal establishment of the department, but though shown in the Estimates they are at the moment left unfilled and without provision of funds for their salaries owing to the reduction in the amount of Public Works provided for.

Reduction has been effected by leaving unfilled posts which have become vacant through retirements, resignations, expiration of agreements and other causes. It will probably be possible to make further reductions as time goes on, if the programme of Public Works is not increased. Meanwhile, however, provision must be made for all officers who will be on the establishment on 1st January of next year.

### A Staff Explanation.

It may seem curious that new posts are required in the Public Works Department, but it must be remembered that the Public Works Department comprises many different sub-departments not all of which are affected by the reduction of Special Expenditure. The amount required for new posts provides for one Stereographer for the Accounts and Stores Branch, one Wireless Telegraphist for the Police Department, one Foreman Mechanic for the Government Garage at Wansai, two 1st Class and two 2nd Class Assistant Land Surveyors required in connexion with the revision of the survey of the Colony, one Cable Joiner and one Foreman.

When considering the staff of the Public Works Department it should be remembered that to the \$2,467,164 provided for expenditure under Public Works Extraordinary must be added a sum estimated at over \$2,000,000 to be expended next year from Loan Funds and funds provided by His Majesty's Government on the Water Schemes, the Harbour Dredging and the Aerodrome, all of which are being carried out under the supervision of the existing Public Works Staff.

### More Motor Cars.

Under other charges, conveyance allowances show a decrease with the reduction in staff. Drawing materials and mounting plans have been reduced by \$2,000. Electric fans and light have been increased to \$28,000. The whole of the lighting of the new Fire Station building is to be paid for by the Public Works Department.

Incidental expenses have been reduced by \$3,000, and lifts maintenance has been reduced to \$4,000. The Fire Brigade which provides the operators will in future also pay for the maintenance of the lifts in the Fire Station Building. More surveying instruments will be required next year, and the vote has been increased accordingly.

With the purchase of more Government cars not so much will be required for the transport and travelling vote, and a reduction of \$2,000 has been made. Uniforms have been increased so as to provide the office staff, messengers, etc., with uniforms in accordance with the fixed scale.

### Important Radio Scheme.

The motor and steam rollers will require more extensive repairs next year, and the vote has been increased to \$8,000. A reduction of \$2,000 has been made on upkeep of quarry plant. The Radio Telegraph Branch has been steadily expanding, and next year it is proposed to install a short wave transmitter and receiver which will enable commercial messages to and from the United Kingdom and possibly other countries to be handled.

It is anticipated that this will bring in a considerable amount of revenue, as well as effecting a saving on Government messages. Provision is made for the necessary apparatus under special expenditure, and with more apparatus it will be necessary to increase the subhead, repairs, stores and current. Provision has also been made for an additional receiver to improve the reception of Rugby

press messages, which often can not be received owing to atmospheric conditions. With the new apparatus it is expected almost all will be clearly received.

The equipment of the Government garages and work-shops on which \$3,000 is being spent this year is not yet complete, and it is necessary to provide a further \$5,000 next year. This will enable all cars on this side of the harbour to be repaired here, instead of having to be sent over to the already overburdened Railway Workshops.

### Public Works Recurrent.

There is a net increase on this head of \$69,750, but of this amount \$13,000 for upkeep of bathing places has been transferred from miscellaneous services.

Among the chief increases are a total for Hongkong, Kowloon and New Kowloon of \$11,750 for lighting and extensions of lighting to keep pace with the development of the Colony. Item, water meters for Kowloon, has been increased by \$10,000. There are at present nearly 400 applications for meters outstanding, and \$15,000 is the minimum sum necessary to meet these demands.

Maintenance of Praya walls and piers at Kowloon has been increased by \$7,000. The corresponding vote for New Kowloon has been placed at the proper figure of \$10,000, the figure of \$100 in the current year's estimate being an error.

Maintenance and improvements to buildings in the New Territories have been increased by \$8,000 and \$5,000 respectively. This is chiefly due to the number of Police Stations which will require heavy repairs next year.

Maintenance of roads and bridges in the New Territories has been increased considerably in order that the roads may be maintained in a fit condition for vehicular traffic. The Colony is justly proud of its splendid roads, and it would be false economy not to keep them up properly.

### Works to Stand Over.

It has been customary to speak at length on the details of Public Works Extraordinary when introducing the Budget. This year a memorandum by the Director of Public Works on the works which it is proposed to undertake has been placed before each Honourable Member. This gives fuller details than would be possible in a speech, and it is hoped that this new departure will prove a convenience to Honourable Members.

The Head, Public Works Extraordinary, is in some ways more interesting for what it omits than for what it contains. Almost all the larger items are for works to which the Colony is committed, and until these are completed no new scheme of any magnitude can be contemplated except from Loan Funds. A very long list of urgent public works was very carefully considered, but as Honourable Members will see from the figures placed before them the services we have provided for have used up practically the whole of our available balances and we cannot undertake further liabilities without funds.

### What Must Wait.

It is needless for me to enumerate the many works which have had to stand over apart altogether from large schemes such as the Vehicular Ferry, and the Increased Water Supply which can only be considered in conjunction with a further loan.

There are Hospitals, Markets, Latrines, Bath Houses, Schools, Roads, a Police Training School, Police Stations, Public Bathing Beaches, the Kowloon Point Improvements, Wireless Directions Finders, and many other works which the Government would gladly undertake if they could be accomplished without increasing the burden of taxation. As matters stand they must wait until we have cleared off our commitments or until our revenue increases.

### Kowloon-Canton Railway.

At first sight there appears to be a considerable increase on this head. Actually it is not so. The extra cost in staff, coal, repairs, etc., resulting from our locomotives running through to Canton is over \$97,000. This is all to be recovered from the Chinese Section, so that the apparent increase of \$70,000 on this head is converted into a decrease of \$27,000.

The present arrangement whereby our locomotives run through to Canton is working very satisfactorily. It is very gratifying to see the two sections of this railway co-operating so harmoniously to the mutual benefit of both. It is to be hoped that this spirit of mutual help will extend to other activities. As a result of the resumption of through-traffic, receipts have gone up.

Apart from the increases just referred to there are no alterations of importance under other Personal Emoluments or Other Charges.

### Fanling-Shataukok.

It is necessary to replace certain of the workshop machines, (Continued on Page 11.)



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such as the electric welding plant, and pneumatic hammers and drills which are worn out. A sum of \$9,500 has accordingly been inserted under Special Expenditure. It is proposed to keep the Fan-ling-Shatukok branch running until the end of 1928 by which time it is hoped the future prospects of the district may be more clear. For this purpose a sum of \$9,000 is inserted for special repairs.

The future of the line will depend on the state of affairs in the adjacent portion of Kuang-tung in 1928, and if it is to be continued permanently a heavy outlay will be necessary in 1929. The position will be reviewed next year.

## The Defence Corps.

The ammunition vote has been increased by \$2,500 partly owing to the greater number of machine guns which will mean a greater expenditure of ammunition, and partly owing to the formation of the Portuguese Company, which is also responsible for the increase in the uniform vote.

As Volunteers are considered as mobilised when in camp they will receive pay; this is included under camp expenses, which is increased by \$5,500. The infantry are to be armed to a greater extent than heretofore with machine guns. It is proposed to purchase four next year and four the year after.

Similarly the Armoured Car Section is to be augmented by two motor cycles fitted to take machine guns. With the growth of the Corps certain constructional alterations at Headquarters are necessary and provision is made accordingly. At present there is one armoured car. It is desirable to add one more, so that one can be available on either side of the harbour.

I trust no occasion for using them will ever arise, but it is necessary to be prepared for any eventuality. As Honourable Members are aware it is proposed to purchase a Regimental and a King's Colour for the Corps. They have already been ordered, but it is not expected that they will be ready until next year and provision has therefore to be made. Should either or both of the Colours be presented to the Corps there will be a corresponding saving to the Revenue.

It has been decided by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to postpone for the present the formation of a Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve in Hongkong.

## Miscellaneous Services.

The matter of the Government's contribution towards the cost of three armed launches for anti-piracy work in the delta has already been before the Finance Committee. The agreement terminates in March of next year, but as it is possible that it may be renewed, provision for the whole year is made. The cost is admittedly heavy, but it is essential that the commerce of this Colony should be protected from piratical attack.

A small vote has been inserted for extra clerical assistance to avoid trivial items of supplementary supply.

In connexion with the Chinese Faculty at the University of Hongkong, Your Excellency is keenly interested in the promotion of higher education in the Chinese language at the University. At first the beginning must be small, but in time it is hoped that the faculty may attract students from China, Malaya, and elsewhere. For the present it cannot be expected to be self-supporting, and provision is made for the salary of an adviser, the Reverend H. R. Wells, O.B.E., and one lecturer.

## Study of Cantonese.

The allowance for teachers to subordinate officers studying Cantonese has been increased to \$15 per month. It is most important that officers who have to work with and amongst the Chinese should have some knowledge of the language. The item has been raised to \$17,000 to cover the cost of the increased allowance.

The increase in other miscellaneous services from \$23,250 to \$200,000 is due to the fact that the Emergency Vote which was omitted from the Estimates for 1927 was later found necessary and had to be furnished to the extent of \$200,000 by Supplementary Supply. The outlook is still so uncertain that expenditure on this account is likely to be unavoidable next year and it is preferable to budget for the amount now and thereby avoid, as we hope, any need for a supplementary vote next year.

## More Telegrams.

Asiatic subordinate officers receiving a salary of more than

\$450 per annum are granted a rent allowance after 10 years service. More officers are qualifying for the allowance year by year, consequently the vote has had to be increased.

The vote for telegrams had to be augmented by a supplementary vote of \$11,000 in March of this year, owing to the great increase in telegraphic correspondence resultant on the disturbances in China. \$12,000 has been inserted for next year. There will it is expected be a saving on this vote once the short wave wireless apparatus is installed, but it is too early for any accurate reduction at present.

The subhead Transport of Government Servants has been increased by \$30,000 to meet the extra cost resultant on the reduction in the period qualifying for home passages from 4½ to 4 years.

## Charitable Services.

There are two new votes under this head. They are \$10,000 for free burials for the Tung Wah Hospital and \$7,000 for the Kwong Wah Hospital. These two hospitals have in previous years paid for the cost of coffins, etc., for free burials from the mortuary and General Civil Hospital, Government institutions.

The Tung Wah Hospital Committee has appealed for a reimbursement of the cost and the Government feels that this is a proper charge on the Revenue. The work could not be done so satisfactorily if undertaken departmentally. The amounts inserted in the Estimates are based on the expenditure for this service by the two hospitals for the last five years.

A sum has been provisionally inserted for service of the 1927 Loan. Repayment on the existing War Loan will be completed this year.

## The Bathing Beaches.

The question of amending the Pension Minute to enable a grant of a year's salary to be paid to an officer's dependents on his death whilst serving has already been before the Finance Committee, and is at present being considered by the Secretary of State for the Colonies. In order to avoid the necessity for making each grant the subject of a separate supplementary vote as has been done this year, a sum of \$20,000 has been inserted in the Estimates.

I trust that I have not wearied Honourable Members by what may seem a tedious narration of details, but it has been my endeavour to explain as clearly as is in my power what the Government proposes to spend its money on next year, and why it proposes so to spend it.

There may be disappointment that it is not intended to proceed with such eminently attractive and popular public works as the schemes for improved bathing beaches, but as I made evident at the beginning of my speech the present time is not one for embarking on anything that is not absolutely essential.

## The Sent of Trouble.

For the last few years we have been making both ends meet by using the savings of the past. These savings are now coming to an end. We are borrowing money for essential future generations, but the ordinary day-to-day expenses of administration, and of upkeep of the harbour, roads, etc., must be met out of current revenue. I care that revenue will suffice, and it has been my endeavour in framing the budget to ensure that care.

We depend, Sir, for our prosperity now as ever on peace and prosperity in China and particularly in South China; the removal of the chief seat of trouble further North has resulted in a slight alleviation of our difficulties here, but our own clouds cannot roll away until the horizon in China once more becomes clear and serene. It is the earnest hope of every well wisher of Hongkong, and of China alike, and this Government numbers itself among the well wishers of both, that that happy event may be consummated at no distant date.

Before closing my remarks I should like again to express my indebtedness to Heads of Departments generally and especially to the Colonial Treasurer and his Assistants, and to my staff in the Colonial Secretary's Office for the willing help they have given in the preparation of this Budget, and not least to Your Excellency for the personal interest and advice with which you have assisted me throughout.

I now move the first reading of a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding Seventeen million four hundred and fifty thousand one hundred and three Dollars to the Public Service of the year 1928."

## THE VOLUNTEERS.

## ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

No. 292. Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps.

Orders by Lieut.-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O.

Administrative Commandant.

Hongkong, Friday, September 2, 1927.

1. Musketry and Camp Programmes. The following are the provisional arrangements made for firing of Part II. Table "T," and Camp; these dates are subject to alteration.

1927 Part II. at Stonecutters.

Sunday, 11th September, M. I. and A. C. Companies.

Sunday, 18th September, Artillery and Engineer Companies.

Sunday, 25th September, Scottish Company.

Sunday, 2nd October, Infantry Company.

Sunday, 9th October, M. I. and A. C. Companies.

Sunday, 16th October, Portuguese Company.

Sunday, 23rd October, Scottish Company.

Sunday, 30th October, Infantry Company.

Sunday, 6th November, M. I. and A. C. Companies.

Sunday, 13th November, Artillery and Engineer Companies.

Sunday, 18th December, Infantry Company.

1928.

Sunday, 8th January, Reserve Company.

Sunday, 15th January, Portuguese Company.

Sunday, 22nd January, Casuals.

Sunday, 29th January, Casuals.

Annual Camp at Fanling.

18th to 20th November, 1927.

25th to 27th November, 1927.

2nd to 4th December, 1927.

9th to 11th December, 1927.

## 2. Recruits.

Parade at Volunteer Headquarters on Friday, 16th September, 1927 at 5.30 p.m. All those who have not passed all their Musketry Tests Nos. 1 to 6 will attend.

Dress: Mufti, Musketry Order.

3. Artillery Company.

Winter Training Season will commence on Thursday, 8th September, 1927 at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. and will continue every Thursday until further orders.

Thursday, 8th September. Gun Drill. Dress: Mufti.

4. Mounted Infantry Company.

Monday, 5th September at 5.15 p.m. at Kennedy Road Range, for Musketry Instruction. Members attending will draw their own rifles from the Store and proceed with them to Range in the Ford Truck.

Parade at Stables at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 6th September, 1927. Dress: Mufti.

5. Armoured Car Company.

The Company will parade as strong as possible at 5.30 p.m. every Monday until further orders commencing on September, 5th 1927.

Members are specially reminded that Part II. of the Musketry Course will be fired on Sunday, 11th September, and it is hoped that all will make a point of attending on that date in order that future training can be devoted to Machine Gun Instruction.

6. M. I. and A. C. Companies.

Musketry Part II. will be fired at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, 11th September, 1927.

Range Officers: 2/Lieut. J. E. Hancock. Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform or Mufti optional, but rifles, bayonets, pouches, braces and belt must be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, 9th September, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m., and on Saturday, 10th September, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

7. Infantry Company.

On Friday, 2nd September at 5.30 p.m. All N. C. O's and other ranks as detailed by O. C. Company will parade at Corps Headquarters for a special N.C.O.'s Course of Training in Vickers Guns.

8. Scottish Company.

Special Machine Gun Class as already detailed in previous orders will assemble at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 6th September, 1927. Dress: Mufti.

Reference Orders No. 291 detailing parades for Thursday, 8th September, are cancelled and the following substituted.

Thursday, 8th September, Company Parade. All members of Nos. 6, 5 and 7 Platoons are requested to parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Mufti.

Company Meeting. A meeting of the Company will be held after parade on Thursday, 8th September, to discuss Company Activities. A full attendance is requested.

Route March. A Company route march from Polo Ground to Taikeo will take place on Thursday, 20th September, and this early notice is given to enable all to attend.

9. Transfer.

No. 820 Pts. B. L. W. Dunnett is transferred from No. 2 Platoon to the Artillery Company, as from 26.8.27.

10. Leave.

No. 1105 Pts. W. Wooding, Armoured Car Company is granted leave of absence from the Corps, as from 26.8.27, until his return to the Colony.

11. Resignation.

No. 666 Pts. D. Hazel, No. 6 Platoon is permitted to resign from the Corps, as from 26.8.27 having left the Colony.

## VICE IN CHINESE HOTELS.

## A HEAVY FINE INFLICTED.

Further revelations were made at the Central Police Court this morning in regard to the alleged existence of a system by which vice is commercialised at certain native hotels and boarding-houses in the Colony. Li Yin-ming, the proprietor of the Tai Lo Tin, Des Voeux Road Central, was summoned before Mr. R. E. Linsell for allowing the premises to be used for an immoral purpose. He was the second hotel-keeper to appear before the same Magistrate on a similar summons, the previous case concerning the Meichow Hotel in the same locality.

Mr. M. K. Lo, in appearing for the defence, admitted that the facts, which he did not dispute, were similar to those brought out in the Meichow Hotel summons, and confined himself to denying that the management, as represented by the defendant, received any benefit from the girl's earnings, or that in a large establishment like theirs, it was possible for the management to know of what was, after all, only a private arrangement amongst the foks for the procuring of these women.

His Worship thought it best to call evidence on the point of a practice which, if it amounted to a system as alleged by the prosecution, should have been known to the management.

A young girl, only 16 years of age, deposed that she was called to the Tai Lo Tin by one of the Hotel's foks and introduced to a man who the Court now knew to be a representative of Inspector Shaftain, of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs.

She went on to give evidence which was exactly similar to that given in the Meichow Hotel case, namely that of the sum portion. Some went to her mistress, while the balance went to the foks of the hotel. The money for the foks was collected at her lodgings at Wingshing Street.

Mr. Lo pointed out that the arrangement was a private one amongst the foks, which the management of the hotel would not know.

His Worship held that the management must know of what was going on, if the repeated visits of the girl in the case were a proof of the system alleged. His Worship stressed the fact that the man who took the room went there without any luggage.

Asked if he had any statements to make on the case, Inspector Shaftain said he would like again to bring up the suggestion of an official "trap," made by Mr. L. D. Turner in the other case. Many similar summonses had been previously brought against native hotel-keepers only to be thrown out of Court on the ground that the licensee did not know of what had happened. The Department's officials had been anything but inactive in the matter, and had made frequent visits which were fruitful of information. Finally, the Department had to have recourse to sending its own men to obtain direct evidence of the offence. The system was one which had been going on for a very long time, and the Department was doing its best to combat it.

Mr. Lo asked his Worship to exclude Inspector Shaftain's statements as irrelevant to the case with which they were concerned.

His Worship said that he was satisfied that there was a system. The maximum penalty was \$1,000, or six months. Defendant in the case would be fined \$250.

Advance guards of the American army of sportsmen who yearly go to Britain for the grouse shooting season, reached Southampton last month by the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of France. One party of ten, from New York was led by Mr. George Bonbright, who has rented 15,000 acres of moorland in Perthshire for a month. The members of the party, by pooling expenses, expect to spend something like £200 each.

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Adjutant H. K. V. D. Corps.

Notices.

1. Motor Cycle Section.—A meeting of the Motor Cycle Section will be held at Volunteer Headquarters on Friday, 2nd September, 1927, at 5.45 p.m. All members are particularly requested to attend.

2. N. 2 Platoon Rifle Club.—The first shoot for the Cup given by Lieut. E. J. R. Mitchell will be held at the Peak Range on Sunday, 4th September, 1927 at 9.30 p.m. Condition.—15 rounds Rapid at 300 yards as for Corps Championship. 10 rounds Application at 500 yards.

Usual handicaps.

3. The following are selected to represent the Corps versus the V. R. C. at water polo on Saturday, September 3, at the night site.

T. L. Knight, G. R. Razavat, J. R. Soares, E. Ralton, R. Strange, W. C. Simpson, D. Lyon. Reserve—V. C. Branson.

## PROTECTING WILD ANIMALS.

## WORK OF SIAM SOCIETY.

The Council of the Siam Society has done a service to zoology by sending in a petition to the King suggesting that certain measures of conservation be adopted towards the wild animals of the country. At present the only animal protected is the elephant. Siam is in the fortunate position of possessing some interesting wild creatures which have brought her distinction in the realm of zoology, and the creation of some agency whose duty it would be to look after the wild animals, both mammal and birds, to check the present unrestricted slaughter and adopt measures of conservation seems an object worthy of support. His Majesty has been pleased to refer the subject of the petition to the various Ministries concerned, with a view to seeing if an enactment is not possible. The subject is hardly a contentious one in a Buddhist country, and when the time comes for the enactment to be framed, one may be sure that the food requirements of the people, and the legitimate rights of sport will not be found to have been interfered with.

The following ships were expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong to-day:—Oostker, President Grant, Tilawa, Tjipanas, Tonkin, Fooksang, Tinda, Empress of Asia, Muensterland, Cremer, Shunko Maru, Mexico Maru, Tenkai Maru, Pronto, Gotha, Hanoi, Maud, Sochow, Tjialak and Saarbruecken.

Four firemen had a narrow escape from death when the oldest cottage in Selborne, Hampshire (Gilbert White's Selborne), was destroyed by fire. The cottage, occupied by a Miss Moss, was believed to be about 400 years old. The outbreak was caused by an oil stove catching fire, the flames quickly spreading to the thatched roof. Chief Officer Bradley Trimmer, Second Officer Washington, and Firemen Whitlock and Small went to the top floor, but the staircase collapsed and they were trapped in a small room. They called for ladders and crawled out singly. Just as the last man was out the roof and floor collapsed.

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## THE PORT OF HONGKONG.

### IMPROVING MARINE SURVEYOR'S DEPT.

#### TEXT OF SESSIONAL PAPER.

In the Legislative Council yesterday reference was made to a sessional paper upon the subject of Hongkong Harbour and the recently revealed need for improvement of the administration in order to secure general recognition of the Hongkong Passenger Certificate.

The following is the full text of the sessional paper referred to:

Recommendations by the Harbour Master as Regards Staff Establishment and Salaries for the Government Marine Surveyor's Department.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

I herewith forward a letter addressed to me by Mr. Wilton, the Surveyor, sent to this Government from the Consultative Branch of the Board of Trade, London, who arrived in the Colony a short time ago for the purpose of ascertaining what steps it will be necessary to take at this Port to ensure recognition by the Board of Trade of a Special Hongkong Passenger Certificate, to have equivalent value all over the world with the Passenger Certificate issued by the authorities in the United Kingdom.

2. As you are aware this question of obtaining recognition has been under review for some years past, but no serious steps were taken until January 1925 when a despatch No. 20 dated 17.1.25 was forwarded to the Secretary of State for the Colonies. Various minutes and despatches were written, but the matter did not come to a head until the owners of two ships (the s.s. "Changste" and "Taiping") which were completing at the Hongkong and Whampoa Dockyard for the Hongkong-Australia trade) discovered that the present Hongkong Passenger Certificate was not recognised by the Australian authorities. This being the case it would be necessary for those two ships,

(a) on their first arrival at an Australian port to go into dry dock and to be re-surveyed by the Australian authorities, and to take out an Australian Passenger Certificate before they would be allowed to enter the Australian Passenger trade, thus putting their owners to considerable expense.

(b) in order to renew their Australian Certificates, to carry out their annual refit and docking at an Australian port at a higher cost than this work could be done at Hongkong thus diverting from this port work which had a passenger certificate with world-wide recognition been available here, would have been placed with one of the local shipyards.

After the interchange of many despatches between this Government, the Government of Australia, and the Board of Trade, London; it was agreed that, subject to certain conditions, the Board of Trade and the Government of Australia would give, for these two ships only, provisional recognition for six months to their Hongkong Passenger Certificates pending the settlement of the question of recognition of a Special Hongkong Passenger Certificate. Owing to various delays it was found necessary to obtain extension of the period, and various steps were taken to this end,

and extension was granted until such time as Mr. Wilton, arrived in the Colony and had had opportunity of surveying those ships and of assuring the Board of Trade that their survey was in order. The Certificates then issued will be valid only for twelve months and as Mr. Wilton is only lent to this Government for a period of six months, it will necessarily follow that at the expiration of twelve months, unless in the interim steps are taken to ensure recognition, the difficulties will start anew.

#### Board of Trade Requirements.

3. As stated by Mr. Wilton, the Board of Trade require that, before they grant recognition to the Special Hongkong Passenger Certificate, they should be satisfied that—

(a) the survey work at this port is carried out by officers competent to do the work and under regulations of equivalent value to those in force in the United Kingdom.

(b) the staff is numerically adequate to deal efficiently with the total work of the Port.

Mr. Wilton was therefore sent out to complete the surveys of the "Changste" and "Taiping," and to report direct to the Board of Trade on (a) and (b) and also to advise the Hongkong Government on the steps that he considers necessary to be taken before he can recommend to the Board of Trade that recognition should be granted.

4. I am convinced that, if recognition by the Board of Trade can be obtained, it will give a very great impetus to the work of this port as repairs here can be carried out at a cheaper rate than either in Australia or in the United Kingdom, and it is obvious that, provided the present difficulty of non-recognition of Hongkong Certificates is removed, owners will take every advantage of our cheaper repair facilities. It must also be taken into consideration that ships, other than those that may carry out their refits here, may take the opportunity while in Hongkong to dock and obtain a "Bottom Certificate" here thus avoiding the risk of damage caused by no dock being available in London at the time that their docking is due.

5. With the observations contained in Mr. Wilton's letter I entirely concur, and would invite very careful attention to his remarks on the question of even further additions to the number of now recommended staff in order to keep pace with the work of the Port as it develops.

6. The staff as approved in the 1927 Estimates consists of—  
1 Government Marine Surveyor £725 to £950 by £25  
7 Assistant Surveyors (one not yet appointed) £400 to £700 by £20

The staff as recommended by Mr. Wilton would entail the following additions:—

|                                                                                       |                                                                          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 4 Assistant Surveyors                                                                 |                                                                          |
| 2 Nautical Surveyors                                                                  |                                                                          |
| 1 Draughtsman                                                                         |                                                                          |
| 1 European Clerk                                                                      |                                                                          |
| 2 Outdoor officers                                                                    |                                                                          |
| and I would submit for consideration that the scales of pay may be fixed as follows:— |                                                                          |
| Government Marine Surveyor                                                            | £750 to £950 by £25                                                      |
| Senior Engine Surveyor, Senior Ship Surveyor                                          | £400 to £700 by £20. \$800 charge pay while in the Colony and in charge. |
| Engine Surveyor, Ship Surveyor                                                        | £400 to £700 by £20                                                      |
| Engine Surveyor, Ship Surveyor                                                        | £400 to £700 by £20                                                      |
| Draughtsman                                                                           | £350 to £400 by £10                                                      |
| Clerk Class III                                                                       | £200 to £250 by £10                                                      |
| Outdoor officers (Tape men)                                                           | £210 to £252 by £12                                                      |

which in the first year would entail an additional cost to Government over the 1927 Estimates of—

4 Assistant Surveyors at £400 ..... £22,080

2 Nautical Surveyors at £460 ..... 11,040

2 Allowances for charge at £300 ..... 1,200

1 Clerk Class III at £200 ..... 2,400

1 Draughtsman at £350 ..... 4,300

2 Outdoor officers £210 ..... 432

6 Conveyance allowances for 4 Assistant Surveyors and 2 Nautical Surveyors, at \$300 ..... 1,800

Total ..... \$43,252

#### A Suggestion.

I would point out that it is submitted that the initial pay of the Government Marine Surveyor should be raised from £725 to £750. This is suggested as should an Assistant Surveyor, the senior of either the ship or engine branches, rise to his maximum of £700 he would draw \$700 per month salary, plus \$50 per month charge pay, totalling \$750 per month, i.e., £25 per annum more than the present initial salary of the Government Marine Surveyor. This proposed increase will have no effect until the post of Government Marine Surveyor falls vacant, as the salary of the holder of this appointment is at present £875.

7. To compensate in some way for the proposed increase, I would submit that the survey fees at present charged in this Port be raised, as they are very low in comparison with the charges at other ports. I therefore forward herewith a revised list of charges for consideration. This revised list is for the principal charges only and should be regarded as approximate as the final schedule when completed may show slight modifications or additions.

8. It is proposed that as opportunity offers members of the present staff should undergo a course of training under the direction of the Board of Trade so as to comply with the requirements under (3) (a).

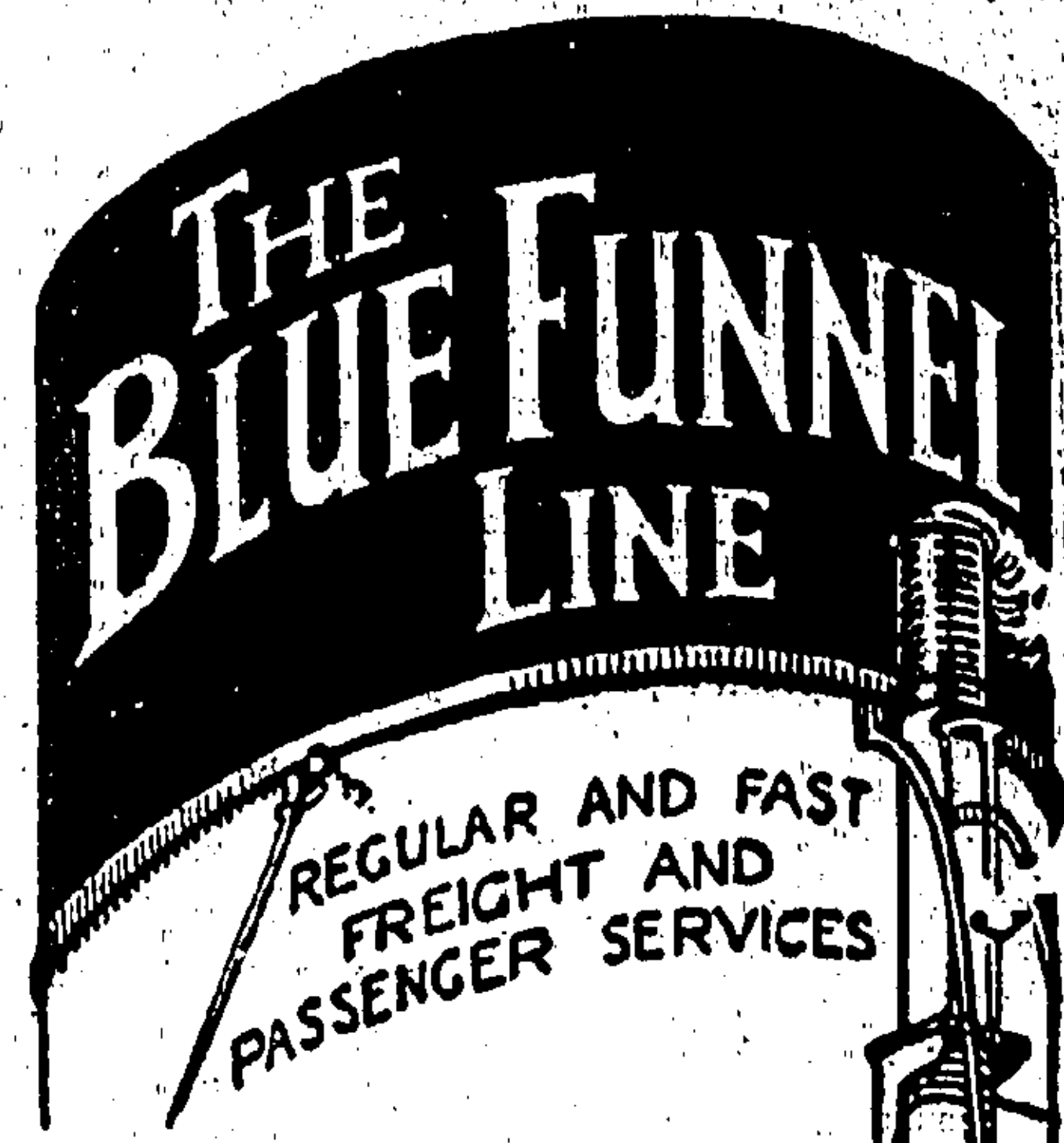
Mr. Hall, Assistant Government Marine Surveyor, has already undergone such training, has satisfied the Board of Trade as to his efficiency as Engine Surveyor and has returned to the Colony.

Mr. Taylor, Assistant Government Marine Surveyor, is at present on Home leave and I understand that arrangements are being made by the Colonial Office for him to take the course of instruction for Engine Surveyor.

Mr. Church, Assistant Government Marine Surveyor, is now taking the course in England to qualify as Ship Surveyor.

Mr. Swan, Assistant Government Marine Surveyor, is taking a course of training locally under Mr. Wilton to qualify as a Ship Surveyor, but unfortunately it is not anticipated that such course will exempt him from training when he next returns to the United Kingdom, but will serve to reduce the time necessary for

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|           |            |                                      |
|-----------|------------|--------------------------------------|
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| "HEXENOR" | 20th Sept. | Mar'les, L'don, B'dam, H'burg & Hull |
| "NELEUS"  | 24th Sept. | London, Rotterdam & Hamburg          |
| "HECTOR"  | 5th Oct.   | Marseilles, London, B'dam & Glasgow  |

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|          |            |                                   |
|----------|------------|-----------------------------------|
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| "TITAN"  | 20th Nov.  | Genoa, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow |

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|----------------------|------------|-----|-------------------------------|
| via KOBE & YOKOHAMA. |            |     |                               |
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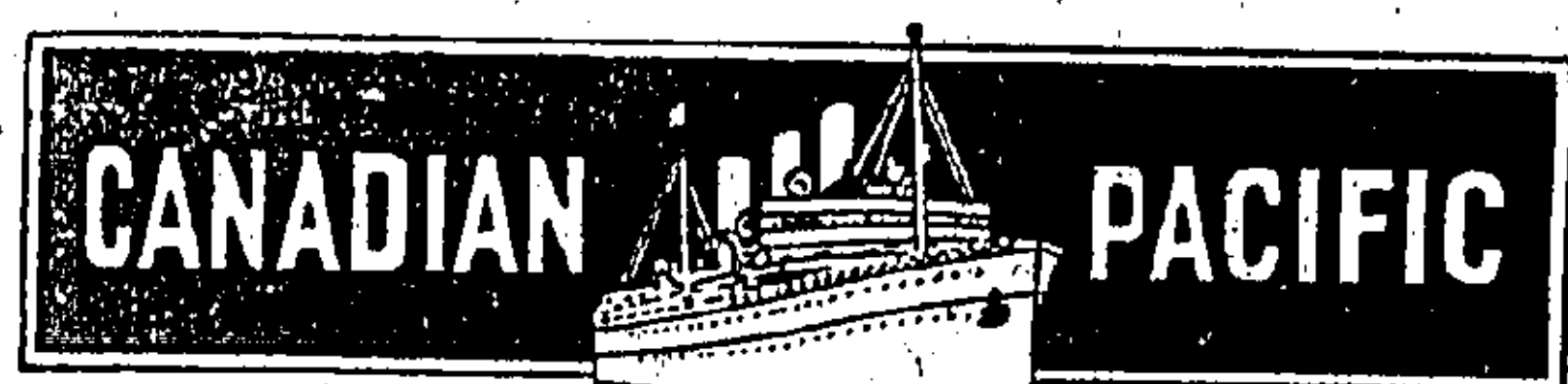
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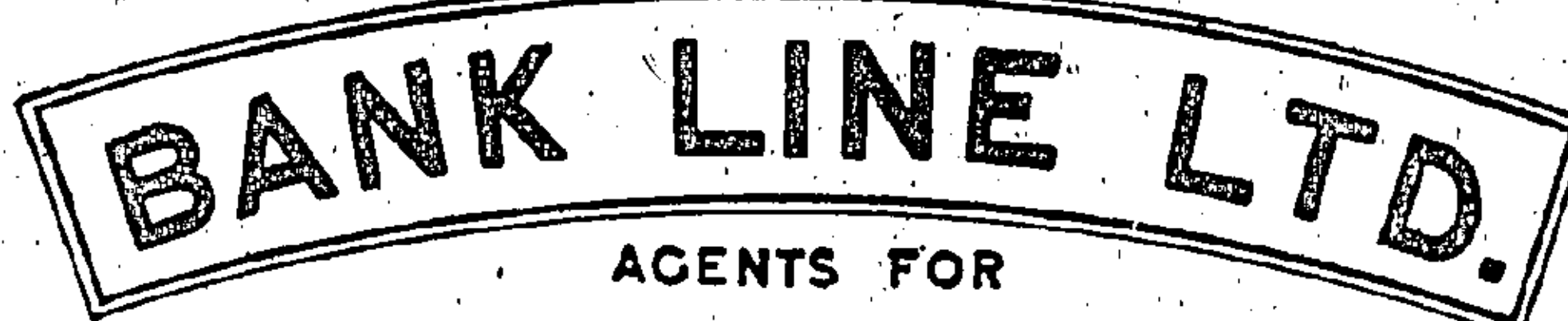
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## THE PORT OF HONGKONG.

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such training. Of the remainder of the present staff Mr. Russell, Government Marine Surveyor, is retiring shortly and therefore it is not proposed that he should take the course of training.

Mr. Lambert, Senior Assistant Government Marine Surveyor, should take the course at the first available opportunity.

Mr. Jackson, Assistant Government Marine Surveyor, has been very seriously ill and has been invalided home on sick leave. His present condition of health will prevent him from taking any course for the present.

### Insufficient Staff.

9. As the present staff cannot at present cope efficiently with the work of the Port (it has been found absolutely necessary to obtain assistance from private sources outside the Government Service) it is proposed that, should the proposed increase be approved, the training under the Board of Trade of new appointees be so regulated that a maximum of four only of the total staff of ship and engine surveyors should be absent from the Port at any one time. Naval Surveyors should be trained before arrival in the Colony.

10. In regard to the initial salary of £460 for Ship and Engine Surveyors, Mr. Wilton points out that this is the Combined Salary (Authorized Salary plus cost of Living Allowance) of Officers when first appointed under the B. O. T. and thus offers no inducement to leave England. He however also points out that the recruiting age under the B. O. T. averages from 31 to 32 so that taking increments into consideration it is not clear that our men at the age of 27 or 28, the necessary inducement would be provided.

If however we are to recruit at B. O. T. candidates' ages our initial salary should be raised to £500.

11. I cannot too strongly urge that the recommendations contained in Mr. Wilton's letter be authorised as soon as possible.

(Sd.) G. F. HOLE, Harbour Master.

Mr. Wilton's Letter.

Government Marine Survey Office, Hongkong, 26th July, 1927.

The Harbour Master, Hongkong.

Sir.—Hongkong Passenger Certificates—I beg to submit for your consideration the following preliminary report in regard to passenger certificates issued by the Hongkong Government, and the conditions under which they will be recognised by the Home Government as being equivalent to, and having the same significance as, similar certificates issued by the Board of Trade.

As the direct outcome of negotiations between the Colonial Office and the Board of Trade, I have been sent to the Colony to examine the Marine Survey Regulations and their administration, with particular reference to foreign-going passenger ships, and to advise you as to what changes in the survey arrangements and practice seem necessary with a view to obtaining the desired recognition of the Hongkong passenger certificates.

In the first place, the Board of Trade have to be satisfied that the Regulations under which the Hongkong certificates are issued compare favourably, as regards their effectiveness, with those in force in the United Kingdom.

I find that, so far as the surveys of foreign-going ships are concerned, the Board of Trade requirements are observed generally. I have been observed that the Board of Trade will shortly issue revised instructions, as to the Survey of Passenger Steamships, and provided the Hongkong Government adopts sections of these instructions which relate specifically to the survey of "new" and "existing" foreign-going passenger ships, or introduce equivalent Regulations under this head, the condition as to effective Regulations will be fully satisfied.

### Question of Numbers.

The Board of Trade further require that the survey staff should be sufficient in number and comprised of members having the requisite training and experience to ensure surveys being carried out in an entirely satisfactory manner.

The question of the number of surveyors necessary for continuous and efficient survey in any port must be carefully considered having due regard to local conditions and requirements.

From an inspection of the office records for a number of years, and a general knowledge of the conditions under which the survey work of the Port is performed I am convinced that the marine survey Branch is at present considerably understaffed and that drastic reorganization is necessary to satisfy the Board of Trade that the staff is properly constituted.

There is an exceptionally large number of local craft to be dealt with annually, the majority of cases coming under survey twice a year. The nature of the services of these vessels calls for more efficient supervision of their hulls and machinery than can reasonably be expected from the present staff, and the same may be said of the surveys in connection with the issue of foreign-going and other passenger certificates. I would add that this statement must not be taken as a reflection on the surveyors either collectively or individually as I am sure they do their utmost to fulfil their official obligations.

It is to be expected that the recognition of the Hongkong surveys and passenger certificates will serve to encourage shipbuilding and repairing in this Port and this in its turn will inevitably increase the work of the surveyors. This should be kept in view as, whatever immediate changes are made in the survey staff, it may be necessary to review the position in a few years time in the light of

developments in the direction indicated above.

### Staff for Efficient Service.

As Hongkong is one of the world's most important seaports, possessing excellent facilities for the building, docking and repairing of comparatively large ships of all types, I am of the opinion that the Marine Survey Staff should be placed on a scale somewhat comparable with that of the largest Home ports, and I am convinced that the Board of Trade would support this view.

In formulating a staffing scheme on this basis it should be noted that the Board of Trade has a central Survey Branch known as the Consultative Branch, which is an essential part of the Marine Survey Department.

In this Port, consultative work and the necessary checking of all important calculations, such as those connected with the measurement of load-line, subdivision, assignment of load-line, and stability, must be provided for in the re-organization of the survey staff.

The numbers of surveyors of the various classes must also allow for the absence of part of the staff on long leave, and should, I suggest, permit of the short annual leave granted in accordance with the Regulations. The exacting nature of the work, and the importance of the survey staff, are also important factors to be considered in arriving at a decision on the staffing question, while the considerable portion of the surveyors' time taken up by travelling to and from their various centres of duty must not be overlooked.

Finally it should not be necessary for surveyors to work overtime except when the nature of a particular case renders such a course unavoidable.

After going carefully into this matter on the lines indicated in the foregoing, I am of the opinion that the following staff is necessary to ensure efficient service in this Branch:

- 1 Principal or Chief Surveyor.
- 1 Senior Engine Surveyor.
- 6 Engineer Surveyors.
- 1 Senior Ship Surveyor.
- 3 Ship Surveyors.
- 2 Nautical Surveyors.
- \*Including Examiner of Engineers (Steam and Motor).

I would suggest the introduction of not less than two outdoor officers (Chinese) to assist the Surveyors in such duties as the measurement of ships for tonnage and similar work. A draughtsman would also be an asset to the office in dealing with the design of special craft, etc.

The appointment of an English clerk, preferably one acquainted with mercantile marine procedure, might be considered in the interests of efficiency, in view of the large number of important documents to be filed and registered.

For your information and guidance I append a list of the Board of Trade Surveyors at Southampton and Liverpool as given in Board of Trade Circular (E), No. 297, and some general particulars of the Consultative Branch:

|                          | South-ampton. | Liver-pool. |
|--------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Principal Officer        | 1             | 1           |
| Senior Engineer Surveyor | 1             | 1           |
| Engineer Surveyors       | 5             | 10          |
| Senior Ship Surveyor     | 1             | 1           |
| Ship Surveyors           | 3             | 4           |
| Senior Nautical Surveyor | 1             | 1           |
| Nautical Surveyors       | 3             | 3           |
|                          | 15            | 21          |

Outdoor Officers 5 | 10 || Clerks | 2 | 3 |
| Typists | 2 | 3 |

(Some of the Engineer and Nautical Surveyors are also Examiners of Engineers and Masters and Mates).

The Consultative Branch consists of 32 Principals, Surveyors and Examiners, also a number of clerks, typists and messengers.

This Branch also deals with the general procedure of the Marine Survey Branch, examines plans showing the arrangements and details of ship construction and all important calculations, such as those relating to the subdivision and measurement of ships, advises Shipowners, Builders, and the Survey Staffs at the various outposts on points of doubt or difficulty, and on technical matters generally. The principal Regulations and Instructions relating to Survey work are also initiated in this Branch.

In conclusion, I would venture to suggest that the fees charged for survey work in this Port require readjustment, but this question might be dealt with to better advantage after the organization of the Survey Staff is settled.

Subject to your approval I propose to forward a copy of this report to my Department.—I am, Sir, Your obedient Servant,

W. J. WILTON.



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#### MANY VARIATIONS.

The more study is placed upon the statistics relative to death from cancer, the more it becomes apparent that until recent times these statistics have been unreliable. In modern hospitals post-mortem examinations are made on persons dying of unusual conditions, and it is possible by first hand investigation to determine exactly the cause and extent of various afflictions that may be concerned.

In an investigation recently presented by Drs. Raymond Pearl and Agnes L. Bacon of the statistical department of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, it was found that some form of malignant tumour existed in approximately 12.2 per cent. of 6670 persons whose bodies were examined post-mortem. In other words, one out of every 8.2 persons in this group had a malignant tumour at death. It was found that malignant tumours of all kinds tend to occur a little more frequently among women than among men.

According to government figures for this district, the percentage of deaths from cancer to all deaths is approximately twice as great in white men as in coloured men. Statistics of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company confirm this view and Baltimore investigators believe that the fairly less frequent occurrence of malignant growths in the negro may indicate a lower susceptibility that is of race origin and that reflects a real biologic differentiation of coloured from white.

On the other hand, it was found through post-mortems that coloured persons, with malignant tumours, tend to die at an earlier age, on the average, than do white persons.

It was also found that women with cancer tend to die at an earlier age than do men with cancer, and that there are degrees of variations in ages of persons dying with malignant growths.

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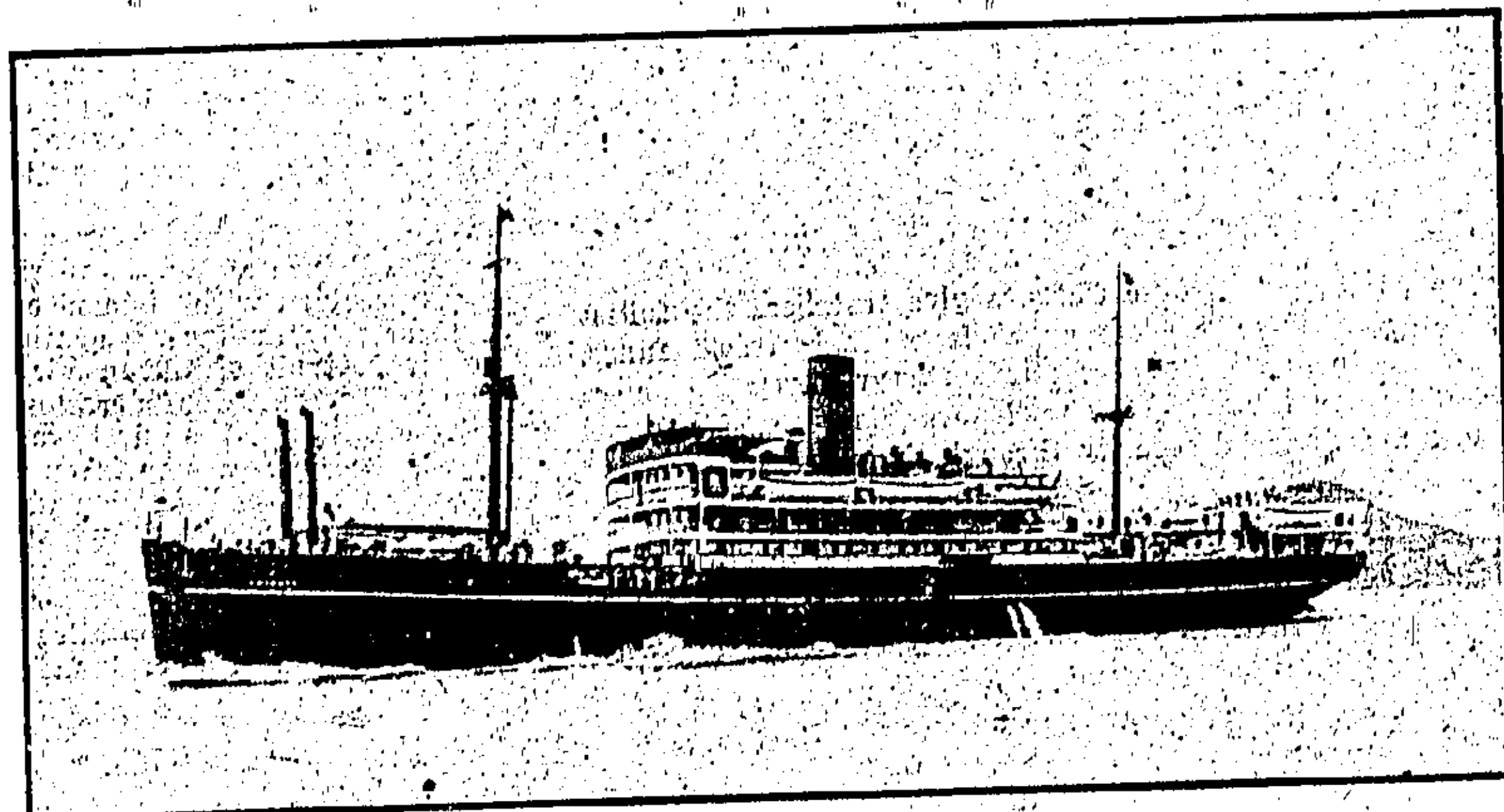
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A NAVAL RAID ON  
BIAS BAY.

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tion of the fact that only the pirates' houses were demolished, and not the whole village.

It was also, as before, a special point with the Naval men to save any livestock that appeared to be endangered, and an amusing episode in this connexion is related, when a particularly fine specimen of a pig which refused to leave its sty had to be coaxed out by Mr. Wolfe who, the story goes, enticed it with a couple of luscious yams. It eventually dashed out and charged between the legs of a marine. It was a little touch of nature which served to relieve the operations of their otherwise somewhat monotonous aspect.

## A Dead Pirate.

The expedition on the other hand was also not without its touch of tragedy. At one house in Fan Lo Kong a pirate was found at home—but he was lying dead in his coffin. This house was naturally spared. It is learned that the man had been recently shot, apparently in a dispute over loot. Otherwise there were no signs of any pirates, and no loot of any description was discovered.

It is perhaps necessary to point out that one of the principal handicaps the expedition had to face was the shallowness of the water and the necessity of carrying out the operations between tides. They had to land at high water and leave before the tide had gone right out, and thus there was very little time in which to carry out proper investigation or to demolish all the houses which there was reason to believe belonged to the members of pirate gangs; or to obtain any news of the whereabouts of the Chinese who were kidnapped from the Yatsing.

Before departing, notices were posted up, as on the previous expedition, warning the inhabitants that any future piracy of a British ship would be followed by similar measures.

## Warnings Issued.

The authorities, it may be emphasised, had definite information as to the movement of the gang who pirated the Yatsing. They did not take this vessel directly into Bias Bay, but to Hau Chau Yeung (Tai Chau) inlet nearby. Here they went ashore, and proceeding up this inlet reached Fan Lo Kong partly overland, no doubt with the intention of covering their tracks. In the course of conversation with the villagers, it was learned that immediately after the piracy of the s.s. Solviken some weeks ago, the inhabitants of the Bias Bay district, fully expecting reprisals, took to the hills, and stayed away for some days, only returning when they found that nothing had resulted.

THE PRINCE ON HIS  
FUTURE.

"I TRUST I MAY BE FOUND  
WORTHY."

## VALUE OF EMPIRE TOURS.

Ottawa, Aug. 3.  
The festivities in honour of the Prince of Wales, Prince George, and Mr. Baldwin reached their political culmination at last night's banquet, held in the new Houses of Parliament.

Mr. Mackenzie King, the Prime Minister of Canada, in proposing the health of the Prince of Wales, said there never was a time in the history of Canada when its citizens were more conscious of their unity, enjoyed greater pride in their native land, or were more loyal to the Crown. The Prince of Wales, on rising, was received with immense applause. Standing beneath an early portrait of Queen Victoria, he said the Confederation of Canada, if not the first was at least the clearest step taken up to then on the road which had now led to the conception and attainment of autonomous communities within the Empire, equal in status and marked by common allegiance to the Crown. He continued:

## Special Importance.

To me in particular, as the King's eldest son, the conception has a special importance which, in whatever part of the Empire I may be, I try always to keep in mind. The Crown stands above all distinctions of country, race, and party, and serves to mark a unity in which all such differences are transcended. If some day it should fall to my lot to assume that high responsibility I trust I may be found worthy of it.

I have heard wise men say that if there is one lesson more than

THE WAY OF CHINESE  
SOLDIERY.VACANT BUILDINGS SEIZED  
IN HANGCHOW.

## SOME EXECUTIONS.

Hangchow, Aug. 20.

The following facts are from a friend who left Hangchow yesterday. Troop trains are continuing to bring Nationalist soldiers up from the direction of Shanghai. For some days these troops were hurried off up the Chien Tang river but in the last few days many are stopping in Hangchow or its suburbs. The consequence is that vacant buildings, whether public or private, are being commandeered right along. The Wayland Academy and Hangchow Christian College are the latest to be occupied.

Local officials and representatives of different organizations were out in force to welcome General Chow Feng-chi and his staff, who came up from Shanghai yesterday. The streets were on a fete with large banners of "welcome." The railway station was more than crowded. On some of the banners he was proposed as the Chairman of the Provincial Committee which was made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Chang Dzin-chang, who retired at the same time as General Chiang Kai-shek.

A good deal of uneasiness prevails as to what may take place if the Nationalist retreat continues. A number of official appointees of General Chiang have quit their posts and left the city. It is rumoured that others are getting their affairs in order for a quick getaway, if necessary. Rumours of all sorts are current but no confidence can be put in them.

## Communist Executed.

Some say that communists are already within less than one hundred miles of Hangchow and no one knows what they might undertake to do. Furthermore, it is not known which way certain high officials may jump in the mixup, so there is considerable unrest in every direction. Communists so unlucky as to be caught are being executed. Only yesterday it is said that five students were taken from the schools well-known in the city and made away with, with or without trial, deponent saith not.

The Y.M.C.A. is still in the hands of the Government as headquarters of the Municipal Educational and Public Utilities' Bureaus. The C.M.S. Hospital is still being run by a committee appointed by the Government. Some of the leading spirits on the committee were friends of General Chiang Kai-shek and either have already withdrawn or will do so.

The Union Girls' School is still occupied by the Propagandist Department of the Government and is used as the seat of a training school for propagandists. The Y.M.C.A., although greatly inconvenienced by not having its building, is reorganizing and planning to stick together and function as best it can for the present in other quarters.

A Melbourne telegram says that, as an appreciation of his services in fighting bush fires, Lord Somers, the Governor of Victoria, has been made an honorary member of the Fire Brigade Officers' Association and has been presented with a fireman's helmet in miniature.

another which has been learned in these post-war years: it is the lesson of the immense value of personal man to man intercourse. I myself can testify to it, for I know the value to myself not only of personal visits but of the opportunities which I have from time to time of meeting visitors from overseas. They all have something to impart, and to all of them I am grateful for the help they gave me in vitalising my interest in Canada and in keeping me abreast of the development of this great country, which is so bewilderingly swift.

Amid renewed cheering the Prince made an announcement which the King had specially charged him to deliver. It had been brought to the notice of His Majesty that among the pictures of the old Parliament Houses of Ottawa, destroyed by fire in 1916, were State portraits of King Edward, Queen Alexandra, King George, and Queen Mary. It was the King's special desire to replace those portraits, and arrangements are now being made to that end.

During the afternoon the Prince of Wales and Prince George had broken even the handshaking record of Presidents of the United States. Four thousand guests at the garden party given by the Governor-General and Viscountess Willingdon were presented to them and they shook hands with each and all of them.

## SHARE PRICES.

## TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

## Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1075 b.  
Chartered Bank, £20 n.  
Mercantile A. & B., £32 n.  
Mercantile C., £137 n.  
P. and O., £98 b.  
East Asia, £68 n.

## Marine Ins.

Canton Ins., \$590 s.  
China Underwriters, \$1.50 n.  
North China, Tls. 143 n.  
Union Ins., \$290 b.  
Yangtze Ins., \$37 b.

## Fire Ins.

China Firms, \$210 b.  
H. K. Fire Ins., \$500 s.  
Shipping.

Douglases, \$33 b.  
H. K. Steamboats, \$214 b.  
H. K. Tugs, \$60 s.  
Indo-China, (Pref.) \$30 n.  
Shell Trans., \$2/- n.  
Star Ferries, \$54.60 b.  
Waterboats, \$17 n.

## Refineries.

China Sugars, \$15 s.  
Malabons, \$32 s.

## Mining.

Benguets, \$170 n.  
Kailans, 49/- b.  
Langkats, Tls. \$174 b.  
Shai Exploration, Tls. 3 n.  
Shanghai Loans, Tls. 6 n.  
Raubas, \$4 b.  
Tronohs, 19/3 n.  
Ural Caspians, 5/- n.

## Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$1104 b.  
Whampoa Docks, \$35 n.  
Hongkwa, Tls. 1404 b.  
New Engineerings, Tls. 4 b.  
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 92 b.

## Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, 61 n.  
H. K. Lands, \$55 sa.  
Realtys, \$6 s.  
Territorials, \$12 sa.  
Humphreys, \$121 sa.  
Princes Bldgs, \$89 n.  
Rural Lands, \$14 n.

## Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. \$730 b.  
Orientals, Tls. \$150 b.  
Shai Cottons, Tls. \$51 n.

## Buses, Trams.

China Buses, Tls. 7 a.  
Tramways, \$20.15 s.  
Peak Trams, (old) \$14 s.  
Singapore Trams, 11/- s.  
Taxis, \$1 n.

## Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$20 n.  
Canton Teas, \$35 n.  
Cements (Comb.), \$7 s.  
China Lights, \$121 s.  
China Prov., \$4.15 s.  
Constructions, \$17 s.  
Dairy Farms, \$15.20 b.  
Der A. Wing, \$6 n.  
H'kong Electrics, \$544 b.  
Macao Electrics, \$37 b.  
Ropes (Old) \$10 n.  
Lane Crawfords, \$5 s.  
Mackintosh, \$22 b.  
Siaceres, \$1 n.  
United Abastos, \$12 s.  
Wakana \$114 b.  
Powells, \$5 s.  
Telephone, 270 s.

A boatman was fined \$10,000 with the alternative of nine months' hard labour for the possession of 500 taels of raw opium by Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning. A second charge of allowing his sampan to be used for the conveyance of the drug was dismissed when it was shown that the boat license was not issued in his name.

No developments in the C.N.C. dispute were reported to-day but it was learned that negotiations are still proceeding in Shanghai.

## HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:—

1.—Chile: a gum obtained from the forests of Honduras, Central America. It is soluble in the extreme northern peninsula of Canada. It is 1,400 miles from the North Pole. 2.—Lines drawn on rainfall maps through places having the same rainfall. 4.—St. Claude, a cathedral city in the Jura Mountains. For centuries it has been famous for its skill in lace-work, and for its fancy articles in horn, tortoise-shell, ivory, etc. 6.—Hot and dry in summer; mild and wet in winter. In the Mediterranean climate. California (U.S.A.), Central Chili (South America), S. W. Africa, and S. W. Australia. 6.—75 per cent. and 2 per cent. 7.—7 a.m. 8.—The word, meaning "axe-breaker," has been given to a hardwood tree of the Argentine, which yields a tanning extract and wood for railway sleepers. 9.—Pizen, formerly spelled "Pisen," in Czechoslovakia. It is noted for beer, which is exported to all parts of the world. It also produces machinery, leather, paper, earthenware and enamelled tinware, and has a fair trade in wool and cattle. 10.—70 per cent. Malay Archipelago, 11th S.E. of Asia, and N. and N.W. of Australia. 11.—Thirteen and one third million square miles; four million square miles. 12.—A hot, dry wind from the Sahara desert, which blows across Egypt in the early spring, and fills the air with sand. The word means "drying," and indicates a period of fifty days, during which the wind may be expected.

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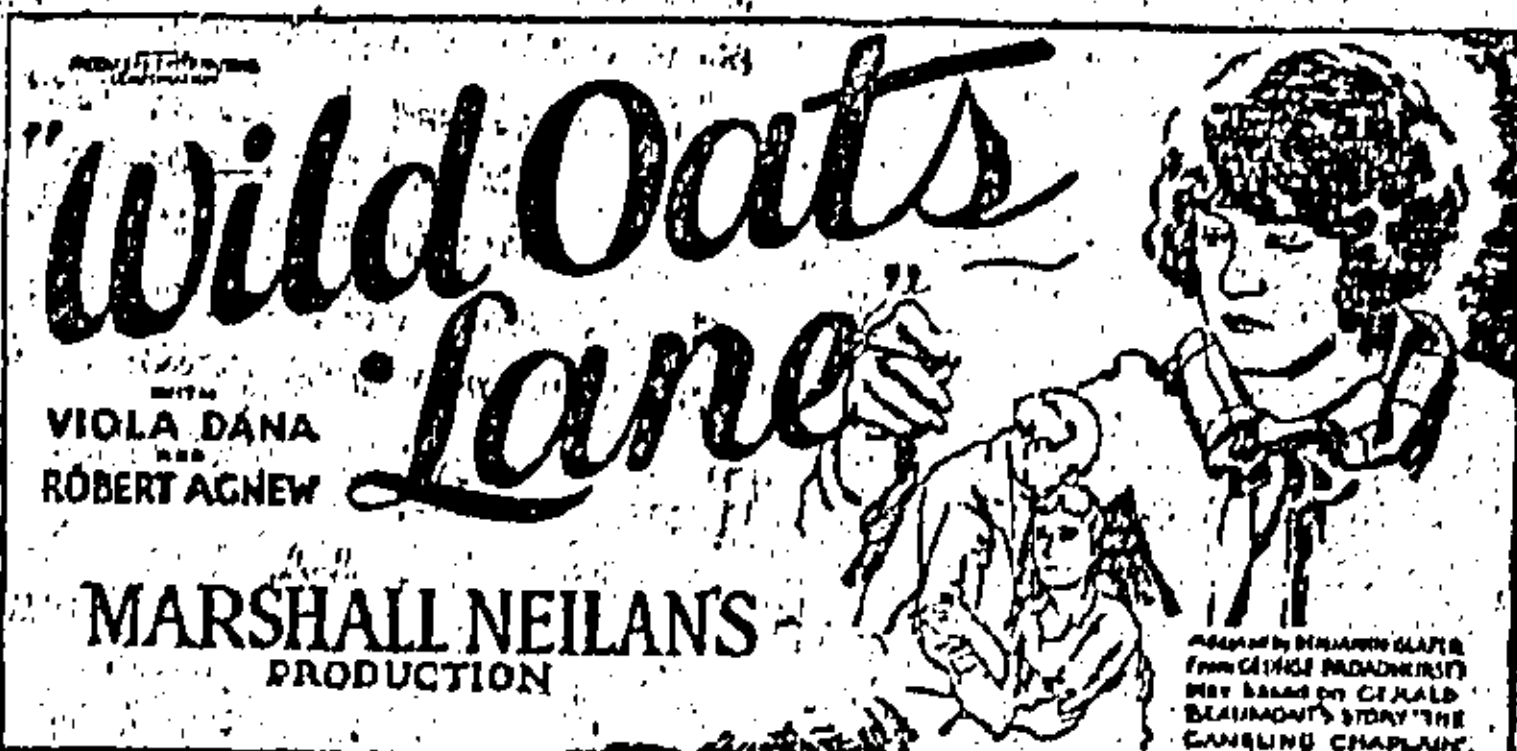
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